

# **Village of Lombard**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 4, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Village Hall, Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room**

## **Transportation & Safety Committee**

*Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson*

*Trustee Zachary Wilson-Co-Chairperson*

*John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Robert Difino, Bob Corbino, Gerri Kuehl,*

*Jerry Schaefer and Ken Snead*

*Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Dane Cuny - Police and Frank Kalisik and John Johnson -  
Public Works*

## 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Giagnorio at 7:00 p.m.*

## 2.0 Roll Call

**Present:** Keith Giagnorio, Gerri Kuehl, Jerry Shaefer, Ken Snead and Bob Corbino

**Absent:** John Schwarz, Robert Difino, Nancy Sherretz and Jean Nolan

*Staff Present:*

*Frank Kalisik, Public Works*

*John Johnson, Public Works*

*Deputy Chief Dane Cuny, Police Department*

## 3.0 Public Participation

*Julie Glazier, 304 W. Harding Road*

*Rick Munaretto, 1145 S. Grace Street*

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes

**It was moved by Shaefer, seconded by Snead, to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2010, meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote**

## 5.0 Unfinished Business

## 6.0 New Business

*To accommodate the residents in attendance Chairperson Giagnorio rearranged the agenda.*

### 100550

#### **Glenbard East High School**

A request to extend area No Parking restrictions to include Elizabeth Street between Harrison and Harding Roads. (DISTRICT #2)

*Kalisik reviewed the item. The issue is cars parking on both sides of Elizabeth between Harrison and Harding. One of the concerns is if there is parking on both sides it restricts traffic and Elizabeth is a heavily travelled road. Madison School is also in the vicinity. The recommendation is to extend the No Parking on Elizabeth. Schwarz asked if the students were able to park at Sunset Knolls. Chairperson Giagnorio answered that to date, only five spaces have been sold. Glenbard East High School started selling those spots three weeks into the school year for \$100, which is the same cost to park on campus.*

*Ms. Glazier pointed out that there could also be an issue with the snow plows getting*

*through and it's a bus route. Chairperson Giagnorio said that there are only two houses directly affected and they do not have any problem with restricting the parking to Harding. Schwarz asked if the no parking should extend to Madison. When it's posted between Harding and Harrison they will move north.*

**It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

**100547****Southland Park**

A resident request to consider addressing traffic and parking issues including installation of a 4-way stop at Central and Stewart and instituting parking restrictions on Grace Street south of Central. (DISTRICT #6)

*Johnson reviewed the item and passed out a copy of an email from Rick Poole from the Lombard Park District. Next year the Park District will hand out notice with registration.*

*Mr. Munaretto addressed the committee. He stated he is concerned about safety on the street. The problems are speeding and the parents are ignorant. There is not any signage about kids at play. At times the mailman has not been able to put mail in the mailbox because of cars parked and blocking mailboxes. People in SUVs are speeding down the middle of the street. At a minimum he would like a wildlife crossing sign installed because there are a lot of geese.*

*Chairperson Giagnorio mentioned that he had been told staff had done a study in the area. Snead replied that last year the committee addressed a parking issue with the residents on Central. It all gravitated around soccer. However, the residents on Central did not want parking restricted in front of their house. Johnson added that he was hoping to get something done more voluntarily working with the Park District and the teams. Chairperson Giagnorio pointed out that one of the problems is that the traveling baseball teams come in that have nothing to do with the Park District. Snead suggested that if the biggest problem is speeding police patrols may address it better than parking restrictions.*

*Mr. Munaretto commented that his kids are not allowed to play in front, but if by some chance they were out there and they stepped out, they would be dead. The soccer field is not an issue for us, but the baseball is a problem. He suggested that there should be a crosswalk or kids at play sign. Something to indicate that cars should slow down, or speed bumps would be great. He sets his personal signs out, but once the cars are out there you can't see it. Johnson explained that there are signs on Central and Stewart and there is a big sign at Grace and Central, so they know it's a park. He suggested to Mr. Munaretto that he talk to his neighbors because it would restrict resident parking too. Mr. Munaretto replied that it's more a speeding problem. Deputy Chief Cuny said he was not aware of speeding issue. Mr. Munaretto suggested that the speed limit be changed to 15. Deputy Chief Cuny explained that even if the speed limit were changed to 5 mph people won't do it. It's a hard thing to curtail. Mr. Munaretto asked about installing speed bumps. Deputy Chief Cuny explained that speed bumps cause other problems; Public Works can't snow plow or a car that is speeding could lose control. Johnson added that he didn't know what the answer is other than getting cooperation from the teams. Mr. Munaretto commented that if the west side was posted no parking, at least they could speed closer to the park rather than by the houses. Johnson explained that if the vehicles park on the east side then you have kids getting out of the car and having to cross the street. With a scenario of speeding cars, a kid could get hit. Deputy Chief Cuny suggested that the Police Department could get the schedule and try to assign an officer during these times. Chairperson Giagnorio asked about installing a crosswalk. Johnson explained that they need to go to the intersection. It would be dangerous to install a mid-block crosswalk with cars parked there.*

Mr. Munaretto again asked about changing the speed limit. His feeling is that it would be better if they got a ticket doing 30 in a 15. Deputy Chief Cuny responded that staff would have to do a speed study, and the average speed sets the speed limit. Johnson added that it's difficult to do the speed study when there is traffic parked on both sides. If you put the sensor in the middle it will only catch the game traffic. General discussion ensued regarding setting speed limits.

Kalisik pointed out that it boils down to drivers that are not being responsible and how to adjust driver behavior. If they're not following the rules now, they're not going to follow additional rules.

**100546****Westmore School**

Request to expand No Parking Zone times on streets surrounding Westmore School. (DISTRICT #5)

Kalisik reviewed the item.

**It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

**100549****Pleasant Lane School**

Staff recommendation to prohibit parking between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on school days on the east side of Charlotte Street from Pleasant Lane to a point 300 feet south and the west side of Charlotte Street from Berkshire Avenue to a point 300 feet north; and to restrict traffic to one-way, eastbound on Berkshire Avenue between Main and Garfield Streets on school days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (DISTRICT #4)

Kalisik reviewed the item. The one side parking, north bound, will force the traffic away from the school instead of into the congestion. The resident that requested action, wants Charlotte one-way northbound, but that may be too restrictive. The Committee can revisit the item if this doesn't work.

Kalisik suggested and the Committee occurred that the one-way be posted for Berkshire between Main and Charlotte instead of all the way to Garfield.

**It was moved by Corbino, seconded by Kuehl, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote**

**100551****Intersection of Highland Avenue and Yorktown's Southern Entrance**

A resident request to install a crosswalk. (DISTRICT #3)

Johnson reviewed the item. A resident from City View Apartments is requesting a crosswalk because they walk to Yorktown. There is no sidewalk on the east side of Highland, so if the Village put in a crosswalk it would go nowhere. Staff is not recommending installing a crosswalk until such time as Yorktown decides what they want to do with their pedestrian movement. The signals can handle it, it is doable, but it's not safe to put it in now when there is nowhere for them to go once they cross. The Committee concurred.

**100548****Pedestrian Crosswalk Law**

A discussion regarding modifications to Public Act 096-1165.

*painted crosswalk. The old law was motorists must yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk. It has been changed to say vehicles must stop. However, pedestrians still have a responsibility, they can't just step out in front of a car.*

## **7.0 Other Business**

## **8.0 Information Only**

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Edson and Wilson, Line-of-Sight Concern

## **9.0 Adjournment**

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote