

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION
AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, July 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Chair Pete Kosanovich
Commissioner Erica Lord
Commissioner Taylor Robinson
Commissioner John Brooks
Commissioner Jose Venegas
Commissioner Thomas Kelly

Members Absent:

Commissioner Swanson

Others Present:

Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering Services
Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement Services

Public Present:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024

2. Roll Call

Present were Chair Pete Kosanovich, Commissioner Erica Lord, Commissioner Taylor Robinson, Commissioner John Brooks, Commissioner Jose Venegas and Commissioner Thomas Kelly. Also, present were Director of Engineering Jeff Koza, and Director of Law Enforcement Services Sean Gilhooley.

3. Approval of meeting minutes – February 26, 2024

Commissioner Lord made a motion to approve the Commission minutes from the February 26, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment on Items not Related to Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

5. Review and Consideration of a proposal to eliminate west side parking on-street parking on Fair Elms between 4938 Fair Elms Avenue to the north right of way line of 51st Street

Director Koza advised the Village received a Traffic Management Petition from residents on Fair Elms Avenue who live across from Forest Hills Elementary School and Forest Hills Park. The

petition seeks assistance with traffic congestion caused by parked vehicles on both sides of Fair Elms Avenue at the same time. During school hours the parked vehicles on street are generally Forest Hills staff members. When parked on both sides of the street the vehicles restrict the roadway width making 2-way traffic difficult or impossible. The issue appears to be worse at the start and end of school as well as when there are events at the park. The parked vehicles on the west side also lead to reduced sightlines for residential driveways making exiting driveways a challenge for residents. Staff has been in contact with the school staff, and they are comfortable with making a change to the parking restrictions in the area.

a. Public Comment:

Patricia Herbst stated she resides at 5028 Fair Elms. She advised it would be an excellent solution to restrict parking on the west side of Fair Elms from approximately the 5100 block to 4938 Fair Elms. She believes this would reduce congestion, thus make the road safer.

Chris Neylon stated he concurs with Mrs. Herbst. He believes restricting parking would make it safer for the children in the area.

Chuck Herbst, who resides at 5028 Fair Elms stated vehicles parking on both sides of Fair Elms has been an on-going issue. He stated he has witnessed on several occasions delivery trucks and lawn service workers having a difficult time navigating through the road when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

b. Commission recommendation:

Commissioner Kelly motioned to approve parking restrictions as recommended by staff and as outlined below:

- Eliminate parking on the west side of Fair Elms between 4938 Fair Elms Avenue and the north right of way of 51st Street
- Allow parking on the east side of Fair Elms Avenue for the entire 4900 and 5000 blocks with modifications as noted below.
 - Rescind current east side parking restrictions that exist along the baseball field that indicate no parking Monday-Friday 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
 - Establish a no parking restriction of 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM on school days for a short section of the east side of Fair Elms Avenue to facilitate school bus loading. The restriction will begin approximately 150 feet north of the north right of way line of 51st Street and terminate approximately 215 feet north of the north right of way line of 51st Street.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lord. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and will advance to the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting in August.

6. Review and consideration of a proposal to eliminate east side on-street parking on the 3900 block of Linden Avenue (South right of way line of 39th Street to north right of way line of 40th Street)

Director Koza advised the Village received a Traffic Management Petition from residents on the 3900 block of Linden Avenue. Residents report they are encountering a congested street

caused by vehicles parked on both sides of the street. The source of the traffic appears to be northeast park users, particularly pickleball users and students from Nazareth Academy. When parked on both sides of the street the vehicles restrict the roadway width making two-way traffic difficult or impossible. It also makes it challenging for residents to back out of their driveways.

a. Public Comment

Bridget Kayne advised there is a lot more vehicles parked on Linden near 39th Street, near the intersection, which makes it extremely dangerous for motorists and pedestrians.

Jim Frontier, who lives in the area, inquired why the Park District installed pickleball courts at the park. Mr. Frontier was advised he would need to contact the Park District or attend a Park District Meeting to inquire about the installation of the pickleball courts.

Lynn Bush advised in addition to the pickleball players parking on Linden Avenue, several students from Nazareth Academy are parking on Linden Avenue as well. She believes the excessive number of vehicles parked on Linden makes it unsafe.

Lauren Stojak, who resides on Linden Avenue, believes restricting parking on one side of the street would alleviate the concerns the residents have.

Commissioner Lord motioned to approve the staff recommendation to eliminate of east side on-street parking on the entire 3900 block of Linden Avenue. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and will advance to the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting in August.

Additionally, Chair Kosanovich requested Chief Gilhooley place temporary signage at the intersection of 39th Street & Linden Avenue to reinforce the Village Code for parking regulations near intersections.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lord seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gilhooley

Director of Law Enforcement Services