

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Village Auditorium

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Minutes #2020-02

I. ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Chairman: Ken Nork

B. Members: Drew Butler Ken Nork (7:41 p.m.)
John Cody Andy Skoundrianos
Laurentine Grady Ted Sochacki
Norm Lupescu

C. Staff: Donald E. McKenna, Building & Zoning Administrator
Ofc. Mark Hollingsworth, Oak Lawn Police Department
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Member Lupescu to select himself as Chairman Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Member Grady.

Roll call: Sochacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Lupescu, abstain; Grady, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion passes: 5-0-1.

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes #2020-01 – January 2, 2020 was made by Member Sochacki and was seconded by Member Butler.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; Grady, yes; Lupescu, yes; Skoundrianos, abstain; Sochacki, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 5-0-1.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) TC-1274-SS-Request for two-way Stop Sign on Sproat at 90th Street:

Mr. Charles Palumbo, 8945 Sproat, Oak Lawn, IL.

The petitioner indicated that he was checking on the status of the intersection at 90th & Sproat. Member Lupescu explained to the petitioner that that the counters will be installed so that traffic counts and speed can be regulated. Member Lupescu said that the petition will be on next month's agenda.

A motion to table was made by Member Cody with the request to have Public Works install the traffic counters. The motion was seconded by Member Grady.

Roll call: Sochacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Nork, yes; Lupescu, yes; Grady, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion to table passes: 6-0-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) **TC-1275-M-Request for the removal of “No Parking Anytime” in front of 5451 W. 110th St.**

Ms. Kathy Below, Property Owner, 5451 West 110th Street, Oak Lawn, IL.

Member Lupescu reminded the Committee that “No Parking” signs were installed last year in this subject area. The petitioner indicated that she was not aware that “No Parking” signs were going up in the area. She explained that she has a tenant (O&M Electronics) that has a 10-year lease who has used five parking spaces in front of 5451. She mentioned that the business that complained about the parking issues is one of her tenants and he apologized to her as he thought the “No Parking” signs were only going up in front of the 5530 building. The petitioner said when she spoke to John Constantine at JJM who requested the “No Parking” signs, he conveyed to her that his request was for “No Parking” in front of 5535 building because he felt the traffic was dangerous in that area. The petitioner explained that the 5535 building is the first building at the right when driving down 110th Street. She mentioned the other businesses in the area. The petitioner said her request is to remove the “No Parking” signs in front of 5451 West 110th Street.

Member Lupescu commented on the number of cars that were parked along 110th Street and the Committee had to do something. The petitioner asked why “No Parking Signs” had to be placed in front of every building. She expressed that she was not consulted about the placement of the “No Parking signs”. She expressed to the Committee that she would like them to consider removing the sign in front of her building. She mentioned that she is also a taxpayer and added that one of her tenants lost 5 parking spaces since the signs have been placed. She also said there are no issues with vehicle traffic in front of her building. The petitioner said she is next to the Park District and the vehicle traffic issues are not near their buildings.

Office Hollingsworth explained to the petitioner that if the petition is granted that she has to remember that because it is a public street anyone can park in front of her building. The petitioner said she understands.

Member Skoundrianos expressed support of the subject petition. Member Grady agreed. Member Skoundrianos said that the Village must take care of the taxpayers. He expressed that the petitioner by no fault of her own was impacted by the placement of the signs and now there are parking problems for her tenant. Member Skoundrianos stated that he feels that the sign should be removed in front of the petitioner’s property.

A motion was made by Member Nork to approve Pet. #TC-1275-M-Request for the removal of “No Parking Anytime” in front of 5451 W. 110th Street. The motion was seconded by Member Grady.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; Grady, yes; Lupescu, no; Nork, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-1-0.

B.) TC-1276-M-Request for a Handicap Parking spot in front of 10513 S. Kolmar Ave.

Ms. Jose Peregrino, 10513 S. Kolmar Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL.

Mr. Jose Peregrino, Sr. 10513 S. Kolmar Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL.

The petitioner explained his request for a Handicap parking spot in front of his property. Member Nork asked the petitioner about using their driveway. The petitioner said it is much easier to access the street parking space and not the driveway. The petitioner explained that the side door at the driveway is more difficult when maneuvering the chair.

Mr. McKenna said if the Board decides to approve the petition he recommends removing the word “handicap” and to change the language to restricting parking to the subject address. He explained that a “handicap” parking space must be 16’ wide which would put the parking space out to the middle of traffic.

A motion was made by Member Lupescu to approve a “Resident Parking for only 10513 S. Kolmar”. The motion was seconded by Member Skoundrianos.

Roll call: Sochacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Nork, yes; Lupescu, yes; Grady, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion to approve passes; 7-0-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

A.) Chairman: None

B.) Members: None

C.) Staff: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Nork and was seconded by Member Grady.

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye. All oppose none.

Motion to adjourn carries.

The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.