

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn Illinois 60453
Village Hall Auditorium
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 4, 2021 #2021-7

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

A. Chairman: Norm Lupescu

B. Commissioners: Drew Butler Carrie O’Keefe
John Cody Andy Skoundrianos
Norm Lupescu Ted Sochacki
Ken Nork

C. Staff: Donald E. McKenna, Building & Zoning Administrator
Dennis Skoda, Public Works Department (*ABS*)
Ofc. Mark Hollingsworth, Oak Lawn Police Department
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Lupescu.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes #2021-6 October 7, 2021 was made by Commissioner Skoundrianos and was seconded by Commissioner Sochacki.

Roll call: Sochacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; O’Keefe, abstain; Nork, yes; Lupescu, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0-1.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) TC-1289-SS-Request for Stop Sign north and south at 102nd & Keeler Avenue:

Ms. Kathleen Biety, 10211 S. Keeler, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

Commissioner Lupescu asked whether a traffic study had been conducted. Mr. McKenna responded no. He explained that the traffic counters are currently down and with the winter season ahead, the study will most likely not be conducted until the spring. The petitioner requested clarification. Mr. McKenna reiterated that the counters are not operational, and that the traffic study will not be conducted until the spring due to the impending winter weather. He explained that with not being able to predict snow, the snow plows would pull up the traffic counters.

Commissioner Lupescu asked the Commissioners if they wished to table the petition or if they had any other suggestions. Commissioner Butler said he'd like to see the traffic data as he feels it is a good indicator when making a decision. Commissioner Cody agreed.

The petitioner asked when she should come back. She questioned as to how she will be notified if the petition is placed back on the agenda. Mr. McKenna explained that staff will conduct the study in the spring and notify the petitioner when the study is completed and the item is continued on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lupescu to table Pet. #TC-1289-SS-Request for Stop Sign north and south at 102nd & Keeler Avenue until weather permits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cody.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; Lupescu, yes; Nork, yes; O'Keefe, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes.

Motion to table passes: 7-0.

B.) TC-1290-M-Request for parking restriction between Kilpatrick and at lot gate (adjacent to building) at 4644 W. 92nd Street:

Ms. Michelle Dempster, 4644 West 92nd Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

According to the petitioner, there is a No Parking sign on the south side of Kilpatrick but people are not complying by the restriction. She stated that trucks refuse to pick up or deliver to their docks due to the difficulty of maneuvering around parked cars. The petitioner stated that they want a No Parking sign on the north side of the street and possibly another No Parking sign on the south side of the street so that trucks can make deliveries and access their docks.

Commissioner Lupescu commented that he observed that the same two vehicles appear to be parked on the south side of the street. The petitioner stated that there is also a "semi-cab" parked but that they do not know who the owners of the vehicles are; she stated that they spoke with area businesses but that they do not claim those vehicles. The petitioner stated that there are two towing companies and that she is unsure if they are dropping cars on the street.

Commissioner Lupescu contends that if trucks arrive from the east, facing west, they should be able to turn on Kilpatrick and back into the dock. The petitioner stated that the trucks are unable to turn onto Kilpatrick due to a light pole. She stated that they had a truck driver attempt the turn, but it did not work because it was too close to the light pole.

Mr. Bob Dempster, 4644 West 92nd Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

Mr. Dempster showed Commissioner Lupescu a phone video of the corner and reiterated that the trucks would be unable to maneuver into the dock due to the tight space.

Commissioner Lupescu asked the petitioners if they wanted an additional No Parking sign on the south side, further east. He mentioned the pylon cones, which appear to be beneficial. Mr. Dempster stated that he only places the cones out when he expects a delivery. Mr. Dempster believes that a second No Parking sign near the end (by a sewer cover) will make it easier for trucks to access. Mr. Dempster believes that some of the drivers are not seeing the existing No Parking sign on the corner. The petitioner commented that they would also request a No Parking sign on the north side. Commissioner Lupescu said you might need two No Parking signs on the North side. Commissioner Lupescu restated that the petitioners are requesting a No Parking Sign on the south side of the street to be placed on the east end of the street by the dock driveway, and two No Parking signs on the north side of the street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cody to approve Pet. #TC-1290-M-Request for parking restriction between Kilpatrick and at lot gate (adjacent to building) at 4644 W. 92nd Street to include a total of three (3) No Parking Signs: A No Parking Sign on the south side of the street at the east end by the dock driveway and two No Parking Signs on the north side of the street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skoundrianos.

Roll call: Sochacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; O’Keefe, yes; Nork, yes; Lupescu, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion to table passes: 7-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) TC-1291-M-Request Parking Restriction – No Parking Sign 7AM – 7PM at 9369 Ridgeland:

Ms. Neda Hanad, 9369 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

The petitioner explained her petition request. She stated that she has cancer and that, due to her illness and inability to walk far, she has asked her neighbors not to park in front of her house. The petitioner commented that people continue to park in front of her house. She said her husband has a truck but he does not park in front of the house. The petitioner also mentioned that the mailman is unable to access her mailbox because of the cars parked in front of her house.

Officer Hollingsworth asked whether the people parking in front of her home are residents. The petitioner responded that the majority of the cars parked in front of her home belong to nursing home staff. The petitioner stated that she contacted the Nursing Home Manager, who advised her to take her concerns to the Village Hall. The petitioner said she has also requested physician’s approval so she can obtain a handicap placard.

Commissioner Lupescu asked the petitioner why she does not park in her driveway. The petitioner replied that her husband has a big truck and uses the driveway. Commissioner Lupescu asked what type of truck license plate her husband has; the petitioner responded that she is unsure. Officer Hollingsworth asked if the petitioner knows the truck’s weight. The petitioner’s husband stated that it is a 350. Officer Hollingsworth said a Ford 350 is allowed to

be parked in the driveway unless it has a trailer. The petitioner's husband replied that he does not have a trailer. The petitioner said her car and her husband's truck will not fit in the driveway. Commissioner Lupescu said it is a double wide driveway and he feels it would allow for both vehicles. The petitioner replied no. The petitioner's husband also expressed concern about the litter from the nursing home that is all over his property.

Commissioner Lupescu reminded the petitioner that if cars are blocking their mailbox, she can call the police. Officer Hollingsworth said if a car is blocking the mailbox and the petitioner calls the police, the car will be ticketed.

Mr. McKenna suggested Resident Permit parking rather than just having the parking restriction. Mr. McKenna explained that residents will have to come to the Village Hall to pick up a permit that they have to place inside their vehicle in order to park in front of the petitioner's residence. Mr. McKenna said Nursing home staff and visitors would not be able to obtain a resident parking permit. Mr. McKenna explained the process of the resident parking permit but reminded the petitioner that this petition must first be heard by the Village Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lupescu to approve TC-1291-M-Request Parking Restriction for Resident Permit parking only on the north side of 94th Street from the corner to the driveway in front of 9369 S. Ridgeland. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sochacki.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; Nork, yes; O'Keefe, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes; Lupescu, yes.

Motion carries: 7-0.

B.) TC-1292-SS-Request modifying two-way Stop Signs to four-way Stop Signs at 97th Street & Kostner Avenue:

Ms. Mary Ann Cannon, 9641 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

The petitioner expressed her concerns about multiple accidents at the intersection and stated that she is requesting additional stop signs. According to the petitioner, her neighbors are very supportive of this petition. She stated that they are concerned about the speeding traffic and the accidents that occur in this area. Commissioner Lupescu stated that a traffic study will be required. He reminded the petitioner that, like the first petition, the traffic study will have to wait until the spring. The petitioner told the Commissioners that she is sure they are aware of Kostner's heavy traffic and speeding. Commissioner Butler reminded the petitioner that the traffic study data will include traffic speed. The petitioner asked the Commissioners if they will be able to determine the number of accidents in this area. Mr. McKenna responded that the Commissioners will get that information from our Police Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lupescu to table TC-1292-SS-Request modifying two-way Stop Signs to four-way Stop Signs at 97th Street & Kostner Avenue. The motion was second by Commissioner Nork.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; Nork, yes; O'Keefe, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes; Lupescu, yes.

Motion to table passes: 7-0.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

A.) Chairman: None

B.) Commissioners: None

C.) Staff: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cody and was seconded by Commissioner Lupescu.

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.