

# TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Lawn 9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn, IL

Village Auditorium

Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.

Agenda #2022-2

## I. ROLL CALL:

- A.) Chairman: Norm Lupescu
- B.) Members: Carrie O'Keefe, *Dist. 6* Ted Sochacki, *Dist. 5*  
John Cody, *Dist. 4* Andy Skoundrianos, *At-Large*  
Ken Nork, *Dist. 1* Norm Lupescu, *Dist. 2*  
Steve Adamsheck, *Dist. 3*
- C.) Staff: Donald E. McKenna, Building & Zoning Administrator  
Dennis Skoda, Public Works Department  
Ofc. Mark Hollingsworth, Oak Lawn Police Department  
Beth Lurquin, Recording Secretary

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

## III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS MINUTES:

- A.) Regular Meeting #2022-1– February 3, 2022
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## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

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## V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) TC-1294-M– Request Parking Restriction – Amend current “No Parking Anytime and add  
“Except 3:00pm to 3:30pm for pick-up”
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- B.) TC-1295-M-Request for one way traffic on Oak Center Dr between 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Cook  
Between (8:15am-8:45am) and (3:15pm-3:45pm) Also would like a stop sign  
at 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Oak Center Drive:
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## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A.) Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
- B.) Members: \_\_\_\_\_
- C.) Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

A.) Regular Agenda #2022-3– Thursday, April 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
TC# <u>TC 1294-m</u>
RECEIVED: _____
DISTRICT: _____

## REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL PORTIONS OF THIS APPLICABLE SECTION BEFORE THE REQUEST CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE. A SEPARATE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH REQUEST SUBMITTED.

### PARKING RESTRICTION REQUEST

RESTRICTION REQUESTED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PARKING ANYTIME	<input type="checkbox"/> NO PARKING RESTRICTED HOURS	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> LOADING ZONE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL ZONE
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I REQUEST THAT PARKING BE RESTRICTED ON THE North SIDE OF  
(NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST)  
107th St BETWEEN Washington St AND  
(STREET) (STREET, DRIVEWAY, ALLEY)  
Long Ave FROM \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. TO \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.  
(STREET)

LIST IF / WHEN POLICE WERE NOTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Amend current No Parking Anytime and add "Except 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm for Pick-up"

Use the reverse side of this form to obtain signatures from residents on the block who agree with your request.

Person Making Request / Spokesperson:

Name: Dennis Skoda OLPW  
Address: 9446 S. Raymond Ave  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Completed Form To: Village of Oak Lawn  
Attn: Traffic Safety Committee  
9446 Raymond Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

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DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

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**MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST  
OTHER THAN STOP SIGN OR PARKING**

LIST SPECIFIC REQUEST: Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School would like to request a one way traffic flow on Oak Center Dr. within certain times on school days. The one way would be on Oak Center Dr. between 53rd Ave. and Cook Ave. allowing traffic to continue in both directions on these streets, but create a safer flow during student entry(8:15-8:45am) and student dismissal(3:15-3:45pm). We would also like to request a stop sign be added to Oak Center Dr. at the intersection of 53rd Ave. This would ensure safe crossing for our students.

LIST IF / WHEN POLICE WERE NOTIFIED: Police have been notified on numerous occasions

REASON: Community residents and school staff have demonstrated concerns for the safety of individuals accesses Oak Center Dr. during student entry and dismissal

OLHMS

Use the reverse side of this form to obtain signatures from residents on the block who agree with your request.

**Person Making Request / Spokesperson:**Name: Sean McNichols, OLHMS PrincipalAddress: 5345 West 99th StreetPhone #: 708-952-7979

Return Completed Form To: Village of Oak Lawn  
Attn: Traffic Review Committee  
9446 Raymond Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

# PETITION

REQUEST: 1. One way traffic on Oak Center Dr. during specific school hours  
2. Adding a stop sign to Oak Center Dr. at the intersection of 53rd st.

(ONLY ONE SIGNATURE PER ADDRESS)

NAME

**ADDRESS**

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Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Lupescu

## III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes #2021-7-November 4, 2021 was made by Commissioner Skoundrianos and was seconded by Commissioner Sochacki.

Motion Passes

## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

### A.) TC-1289-SS– Request for Stop Sign north and south at 102nd & Keeler Avenue *(tabled October 7, 2021)*:

A motion to table to 5-1-2022 by Chairman Lupescu.

Motion passes

### B.) TC-1292-SS– Request modifying two way stop signs to four way stop signs at 9369 S Ridgeland *(tabled November 4, 2021)*:

Chairman Lupescu made a motion to deny this as we do not have the right to put to place stop signs on Ridgeland Ave. No petitioner present for this item.

Motion to deny by Commissioner Skoundrianos and seconded by Commissioner Sochacki

Roll Call: Commissioner Rascop, yes; Commissioner Lupescu, yes; Commissioner Sochacki, Yes; Commissioner O'Keefe, yes; Commissioner Skoundrianos, yes

Motion to deny passes

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

### A) TC-1293-SS-Request for Stop Sign north and south at 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Oak Center

Ms. Jacoba Henderson, 4874 Wick Drive, Oak Lawn, IL 60453



Ms Henderson moved her a year ago, they live east of the school on Wick drive and enrolled at Middle School. She drives him to school taking Oak Center Drive and initially thought he could walk to school but noticed a major traffic collision shortly after moving here. Ms Henderson is here to ask the court to have a stop sign installed on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave going North and South. She stated there is a stop sign for east and west bound traffic on Oak Center Drive. The traffic is being held up on Oak Center Drive due to the heavy traffic going north and south on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. There is constant traffic going north and south on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. People are just sitting waiting and waiting on Oak Center for the traffic to clear. There is a crossing guard at this intersection and she stated there is also a 4 way stop sign at 99<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. That stop sign does not help traffic and this is a very hazardous intersection. She did present a petition from 25 people in the area including the crossing guard, they all concurred that it is a dangerous intersection. They even thought maybe even speed bumps would be a better option. I am here to just ask for a stop sign to control the traffic in that area. The issue is that is a stop sign going east and west and I am going west heading toward the school just sitting there waiting for some nice person to let me pass so I can drop my son off on the other side of the street. I had planned for him to walk to school but it is far too dangerous in my opinion. So I would like for a 4 way stop sign at that intersection.

Commissioner Lupescu asked again if there is a crossing guard at that intersection. Dennis Skoda from Public works stated that there is even a flashing control device at that intersection and the petitioner stated that drivers do not pay attention to that at all. Commissioner Lupescu asked how many feet is there between 99<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Oak Center. He stated there 310 feet or 1/16<sup>th</sup> of a mile there is no way, people don't stop at 99<sup>th</sup> Street if you think they are going to stop at Oak Center Drive especially going south that is going to block the traffic going east and west. Unless someone else has a good suggestion Commissioner Lupescu sees no way we can put stop signs there.

Ms Henderson asked if you say they are going south heading from 99<sup>th</sup> to 103<sup>rd</sup> you are thinking that is going to be an obstacle of some sort like traffic on Oak Center. Commissioner Lupescu stated "yes". Ms Henderson stated she can't see how this would be an obstacle. Commissioner Lupescu because people are not going to realize there is a stop sign and they are going to take Off. People going east and west are going to stop and then the person going south is going to go but won't be able to because traffic is backed up going south. The same with people on Oak Center Drive especially going west aren't going to see the people coming southbound. It is just not feasible. Ms Henderson asked what the solution then, her son is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and has to go in the back of the building on Oak Center, so they already have that in place. There are over 1,000 kids in the school, some in the front and some go in the back. What is the solution as this is very dangerous intersection and the crossing guard agrees. Public Works Commissioner Skoda asked how is the crossing guard and signage not working. He also asked if there is any proof of accidents, Ms Henderson states she has not witnessed any accidents but has witnessed close calls. She spoke with neighbors at the four corners who stated there was a car that entered his yard several years ago but she knew nothing more than that. Ofc Hollingsworth stated there has been 12 crashes at that intersection since 2010. He also stated that the school traffic is at all the schools in Oak Lawn. He also explained that the flashing lights are the same control devices as stop signs, and people are supposed to stop for students in that cross walk. The problem is do you gamble that people will stop for them in the crosswalk. The problem is that you have 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon for the school kids crossing and then those stop signs effect everyone the rest of the day. During the Metra time it would be horrible

with backups and that is why they have the signage and the crossing guard they do act as state law and you do have to stop when someone is in the crosswalk.

Commissioner Lupescu asked if Ms Henderson every goes down 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave and she stated she does and he stated that by the medical building they have the same flashing lights, that was part of the deal when they built that they had to install those flashing lights. Ms Henderson asked what a solution will be so her child can walk to school. She is terrified to let her child walk to school because drivers just are flying by. It was stated that there is also a crossing guard at 99<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as well. Ofc Hollingsworth stated that maybe she should contact the crossing guard company to see if they would put two crossing guards out at that corner, but it would be up to the company. It would be up to Ms Henderson to contact the company. She then stated that stop signs or speed bumps would not be an option. Commissioner Lupescu stated we do not speed bumps in the winter, the speed bumps that are in place are only out for 7 months of the year.

A suggestion was made to her to go to Minnick Ave and drop her son off at the 4 way stop sign at Minnick and Oak Center and he could just walk right up the sidewalk. She stated she has tried different routes and will see how that is. She asked if OLHMS could have a police officer at that corner and it was stated that the police department is stretched thin and this traffic issue is at all the schools in Oak Lawn. A suggestion was made to have the Principal or Assistant Principal observe that intersection and maybe they would be able to help out with suggestions.

Motion to deny stop signs north and south on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Oak Center by Commissioner Lupescu and seconded by Commissioner Rascop.

Motion to deny passes

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A.) Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_
- B.) Members: \_\_\_\_\_
- C.) Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

- A.) Regular Agenda #2022-2– Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.