

# TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Lawn 9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn, IL

Village Auditorium

Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.

Agenda #2022-3

## 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*  
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Steve Adamsheck, *Dist. 3*
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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 #2022-2– March 3, 2022
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## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) 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). Discussed at the March 3, 2022 meeting
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## V. NEW BUSINESS:

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## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

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

## VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- A.) Regular Agenda #2022-4– Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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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.

### 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 Minnick Ave. and 52nd Ave. allowing traffic flow West to East on Oak Center Dr. impacting less residents on the East end of Oak Center Dr. during student entry(8:15-8:45am) and student dismissal (3:15-3:45pm).

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 Principal

Address: 5345 West 99th Street

Phone #: 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

A meeting was held with Oak Center Dr. residents on 3/24/22 to brainstorm this proposal.

(ONLY ONE SIGNATURE PER ADDRESS)

NAME

ADDRESS[illegible]

## Oak Center Dr. Traffic Concerns Community Meeting

Name	Address	Email	Initials
Geruta Baker	9921 S Oak	bcrut@comcast.net	BB
STEVE + KELLY SCHAEFER	5216 OAK CENTER	KLSBOY97@gmail.com	SS
FRANK POSTELLI	5000 Oak Center	POSTELLI@AOL.COM	FP
STEVEN SOSNOWSKI	5204 OAK CENTER DR.	SSOSNOWSKI@COMCAST.NET	SS
MIKE MADDEN	5208 OAK CENTER DR.	MADDENM65@HOTMAIL.COM	CM
PATRICIA MADDEN	" "	MADDHOUSE5208@GMAIL.COM	CM
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JOHN CASEY	5313 OAK CENTER	Jonbar502@aol.com	CM
STEVE BERK/AN + JENNY MULVEY	5325 OAK CENTER		
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GIULIA MENSONE	5240 OAK CENTER DR.	GIULIAMENSONE@COMCAST.NET	GM
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#### **OLHMS**

#### **One-Way Traffic Proposal**

**Morning: 8:15 AM - 8:45 AM**  
**Afternoon: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM**

**One-way West to East on Oak Center Dr. from Minnick Ave. to 52nd Ave. on school days, during the indicated times above.**



## Lurquin, Beth

**From:** McNichols, Sean <smcnichols@d123.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:24 AM  
**To:** Sean McNichols  
**Cc:** Lurquin, Beth; Mallo, Paul; Stalker, William; Donald Hantson; Enderle, Paul  
**Subject:** Oak Center Dr. Traffic Concern(s) Brainstorming Meeting

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Good Afternoon Everyone,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this morning or sending an email with your thoughts, ideas and concerns! The brainstorming in person or via email is extremely helpful to our collective desire for the safety of all parties in our OLHMS school and community!

Thankfully, the rain stayed away for just enough time for us to be dry and come up with possible solutions to the long standing traffic safety concerns on Oak Center Dr.

As discussed in the meeting, I plan to attend the next Village meeting on April 7th at 7:30pm to propose our solution of a one way on Oak Center Dr. (Pictured below) from West to East and look forward to seeing some of you again soon!

Based on the discussion, a one way direction from West to East on Oak Center Dr. potentially impacts less residents knowing the school's property is along 54th Ave. (South) and the left side of Oak Center Dr. is not residential until our student drop off in the half circle drive. This one way may also better support the wonderful (Russ) crossing guard on 52nd and Oak Center since there would only be one directional off of Oak Center Dr. during school entry and dismissal. Also, worth noting is that this change would not impact the remainder of this school year, but would be communicated to begin the 2022/2023 school year.

I have included our D123 Superintendent, Dr. Paul Enderle and Village Trustees Bud Stalker and Paul Mallo who have been supporting a continued dialogue around this challenge.

Once again, everyone's input has been appreciated!



Sincerely,

Sean McNichols, Ed.D  
Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School Principal

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<http://olhms.d123.org>

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it!" Charles Swindoll

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## 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 #2022-1-February 3, 2022 was made by Commissioner Nork and was seconded by Commissioner Skoundrianos.

Motion Passes

## IV. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

## 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"

Dennis Skoda (Public Works) spoke on behalf of the Police and Public works regarding the above amendment. This is to alleviate the traffic congestion in the Eagle Ridge subdivision. As long as he has been an employee or possibly longer 107<sup>th</sup> has been "No Parking" except for the busses. The busses have never parked on the street, they parked in the parking lot. Now that they have the lot improvements, the idea with this is to get all the parents picking up their children on the north side of the street, to try to keep a one way flow without making the street one way and that will force more parents to leave out 107<sup>th</sup> to Central and try to alleviate some of the traffic in the school parking lot, cause then they all try to exit eastbound deeper into Eagle Ridge. They are asking to have an exception of ½ hour on street parking after school not in the morning. This would be on the north side of 107<sup>th</sup> Street as the south side has resident only parking. Motion made by Chairman Lupescu to amend the parking on the north side of 107<sup>th</sup> Street between Washington and Long to anytime except 3:00pm to 3:30pm seconded by Sochacki.

Motion passes 6-0.



**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:**

Mr. Sean McNichols Principal of Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School is the petitioner and was present for the meeting. Mr. McNichols passed out an aerial map demonstrating the One Way Traffic pattern that is being requested. Mr. McNichols is present on the schools behalf to propose the discussion for a safety plan for the traffic challenge on Oak Center Drive in the rear of the building. We have seen an increase of parent pick up and students not taking the bus. Currently there are 18 buses that drop students off in the front of the school, 2 buses that drop off in the back of the school that don't necessarily get involved in that the traffic. These 2 buses drop off special needs students. We have approximately 500 students that are being picked up or cars in the back of the school on Oak Center. What the school is proposing is a traffic study to potentially go one way between Cook Ave and 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave. That would be designated times between 8:15am to 8:45am for morning entry and then for afternoon dismissal from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. To start this discussion the school has not spoken to the residents that would be effected but would like to move forward to see how this would affect the residents. The school would also like to propose a stop sign between Oak Center and 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave to ensure the safety of the children crossing. Chairman Lupescu's only issue is that the school hasn't reached out to the residents who this is effecting. Mr. McNichols stated he has heard from a lot of the residents but he has not gone house to house, he has had conversations with probably of the 20 houses that are on this block with about 10 people, I have been out in the back and have spoken with a majority that are on the school side of the street and heard of residents on the opposite side of the street because school parents are blocking their driveways. The school has not knocked on each individual house, I am willing to that if I have to. When I first started this discussion with the Village it was to start discussion and not necessarily impose it right away. Chairman Lupescu stated he has only been down recently and it is insane, the cars are 2 and 3 deep. Chairman Lupescu doesn't know if there are any parking signs on Minnick, on the side were the school is at. Principal McNichols stated they allow past where "end one way" but a lot of parents are parking along both sides of the street. We had parents have pulled on the right side heading east and we have parents now going in both directions trying to get through with all the parked cars. Principal McNichols gave a map of the school out showing how they would like to proceed with the one way on Oak Center Drive. Dennis Skoda from Public Works Department disagreed with the stop sign proposed and suggested you expand the one way from 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Minnick, don't let them have an option of going one block, Chairman Lupescu agreed and Dennis said this may be better for students who cross with cars only going one way. Trustee Bud Stalker was also present at this meeting and ask why people can't use the parking lot in the back of the school. Principal McNichols stated that there are 2 buses that drop off special need students and are in the lot for about 6-10 minutes as well as staff using that lot at the same time. Trustee Stalker stated that the school has to understand that the people on the southside of Oak Center drive are handicapped with trying to get out of their driveways and that you can't put all the pressure on the residents of the neighborhood as they were there before the school was built. Let's find a way to have the buses drop of the kids and then have the cars come out of the turn about and through the parking lot.

The school is open to any suggestions to try to solve this issue. Trustee Stalker strongly suggested you consider some other way to get them through the back parking lot and off the street and he also suggested that the school talk all the residents and get a petition. The school is more than happy to talk to all the residents. The school was really URGED to talk with the residents. Trustee asked to postpone this until the next Traffic Safety Meeting.

Motion by Chairman Lupescu and seconded by Member Nork. Motion passes to revisit this issue at the April meeting.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A.) Chairman: Elect a Chairman for upcoming year.
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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

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