

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 10, 2010

PRESENT: Myron Tannenbaum, Chairman
John Barney
Joseph Mazzullo
Ed Parisen
Carlo Reca
Frank Spedafino
Rod Brendolan, Fire Department Liaison
Harry Hazelwood, Board Liaison
Anthony LeDonne, Police Department Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tannenbaum called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Speed Hump on North Barry Avenue and South Barry Avenue – from Village Manager

Mr. Brendolan said that the Fire Council does not support speed humps on Barry Avenue. Mr. Spedafino asked if one incurs vehicle damage driving over speed humps, would the village be liable. Mr. Hazelwood said no, if there is signage and marked pavement.

Discussion followed on raised pavements at the Hartsdale train station, area near New Rochelle High School, and on Water Street in Norwalk, CT.

Mr. Reca said that the approach to them is critical. He said that if the process is done right with a gradual increase in height, it is effective.

Mr. Hazelwood said there is a significant list of ‘cons’ as to not putting on speed humps.

Dr. Tannenbaum said it is not worth the effort and expense.

No action taken.

2. Scooter parking in hatched lined roadways – Letter to Mayor

Dr. Tannenbaum said that six scooters can be lined up. The Traffic Commission supports the concept. He said that the Mamaroneck Avenue Task Force should determine the location(s) by the train station.

3. Remove last two parking spaces on Washington Street at Old White Plains Road – Fire Council recommendation

This will be carried over to the next meeting. Mr. Brendolan and members of the fire department will go to the location to assess.

Dr. Tannenbaum said that a recommendation was made by a resident to leave Highland Drive as is – a two-way street from Maple Avenue to Fenimore Road. This item was discussed and voted on at the December 2009 meeting to make it a one-way. The resident said that in making it a one-way street, will make it difficult to get into driveways. It is an alley-way street and runs along the side of a church. The Traffic Commission supports leaving this item status quo, a two-way street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dangerous crosswalk on Frank Avenue (at entrance to Florence Park) – from resident.

Dr. Tannenbaum said that sidewalks make a safe exit. Crosswalks need sidewalks. Mr. Reca said that the complaint was really about speeders. There is signage and a marked crosswalk. No change to be made.

2. Speed Limit on R. 1 between MHS Football Field and Weaver Street – from Dr. Fried

Dr. Fried wants the speed limit reduced to 20 M.P.H. during school days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is from Richbell Road to the end of the football field. Dr. Tannenbaum pointed out that this is a State road. The speed limit is 30 M.P.H. presently.

Mr. Hazelwood said that the State would have to change the speed limit.

Dr. Tannenbaum believes that reducing the speed from 30 to 20 M.P.H. will not enhance the safety of the area.

3. Request for pedestrian crosswalk sign at corner of Stanley Ave. and Fenimore Rd. – from residents

Discussion followed on installing a sign. Mr. Spedafino said mounting it on a walkway would not be advisable. Mr. Brendolan said a short pole will not work, as it will not be visible, but a taller pole is the better way to go.

Traffic Commissioners recommended adding a “Playground” sign on the same pole underneath the ‘Yield to Pedestrian’ sign. This work should be done simultaneously.

**** MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE INSTALLING A ‘YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN’ SIGN ON A MOUNTED POLE ON EACH END OF THE CROSSWALK AT STANLEY AND FENIMORE ROAD ON BOTH SIDES.**

- ** **MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Request for street sign for River Street at intersection of N. Barry and First St. – from resident.

There is a work order request for the recommendation.

5. Notice of hazardous intersection at Heathcote and Munro – from resident

Mr. Brendolan said this intersection needs a 4-way stop sign and a ‘no parking from here to corner’ sign. It was discussed and agreed to add a ‘No Parking From Here to Corner’ sign. There is a Stop sign missing from one of the corners, Officer LeDonne said. Mr. Hazelwood noted that residents are not in favor of too many stop signs being put up. To improve visibility at this intersection, eliminating some parking will help.

- ** **MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE A ‘NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER’ SIGN, 20 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF HEATHCOTE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MUNRO AVENUE.**
- ** **MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Notice of hazardous intersection on Rockland and Munro – from resident

Site visit to be made.

7. Request for signage changes on Rockland Avenue – from resident

Site visit to be made.

8. Notice of hazardous intersection at Fenimore Rd. and Munro Avenue – from resident

Site visit to be made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brendolan addressed a Fire Council concern and change regarding the 4-way signal by Applebee’s on North Barry Avenue and the Boston Post Road. The Traffic Commission supports the Fire Council’s suggestion that North Barry Avenue and the Post Road lights get re-programmed to the original lights. Keep the four-way signal *only* during school days and hours. This is a major fire truck route and is difficult for fire trucks and EMS vehicles to get through.

Lester and Nostrand Avenue signs to be discussed in April.
Mr. Hazelwood said there should be a stop sign. It is in the Code.

Mr. Mazzullo brought up the car wash on Halstead Avenue. He said that cars in the line up waiting to get their vehicles washed are 'waiting' in a driving lane. He said he has had to wait for the car wash line to move forward for him to drive to his destination.

Officer LeDonne said that a ticket can be issued for stopping on the pavement. The cars will then have to move out of the car wash line.

Dr. Tannenbaum said he will speak to the owner.

MINUTES

1. Draft January Minutes (sent in February)

The following changes were made to the January Minutes as follows:
Page 2, Item 1, second from last line – replace Brendolan with *Barney*
Page 3, Item 4, fourth line, replace Bleeker with *The Crescent*

**** MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY MINUTES AS CORRECTED.**

**** MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Tannenbaum reminded all for the April meeting to meet here at 7:00 p.m. to pick up the van to visit the Munro Avenue area.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BARNEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** MR. RECA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

PREPARED BY:
Randy Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Agostino A. Fusco
Clerk-Treasurer