

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 13, 2010

PRESENT: Myron Tannenbaum, Chairman  
John Barney  
Ed Parisen  
Carlo Reca  
Frank Spedafino  
Rod Brendolan, Fire Department Liaison  
Harry Hazelwood, Board Liaison  
Tyronn Davis, Police Department Liaison

ABSENT: Joseph Mazzullo

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Tannenbaum called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

He welcomed two new Traffic Commission members, Frank Spedafino and Ed Parisen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Remove two parking spaces on Plaza Avenue – no new information.**

No updated information. Remove from Agenda.

**2. Lester and Nostrand Avenue signs – tabled at December meeting.**

Discussion followed on resubmitting this Motion. A stop sign, and a no parking sign will disallow parking, improve traffic flow, and maintain better visibility. It was noted that this has been denied by the Board two times already. Mr. Brendolan said that there should be a stop sign on the corner. He said the flow of traffic runs on Nostrand Avenue, and not Lester Avenue.

**\*\* MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE THAT A SIGN STOP BE PUT ON AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LESTER AVENUE.**

**\*\* MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Reason: As cars come out of the commercial parking lot there are safety issues when entering the intersection.

- \*\* **MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A ‘NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER’ SIGN ON LESTER AVENUE EAST SIDE, NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND TWENTY FEET FROM THE POINT INDICATED TO THE STOP SIGN.**
- \*\* **MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Reason: Safety of cars exiting the parking lot.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Speed Hump on North and South Barry Avenues – From Village Manager**

Dr. Tannenbaum said a request was made by the Village Manager to review. The traffic commission members discussed the pros and cons and the consensus was that they are okay as it is a natural enforcement. A speed hump will increase driving awareness, and no manpower is required to manage. All agreed that enforcement is necessary.

Some objections are that humps can delay emergency response time. If one is unfamiliar with the street and did not see the sign for the hump, considerable car damage could occur when driving at a normal speed. Drivers also may use other streets to avoid the speed hump. If one doesn't see the hump, slammed brakes could result in increased noise.

Dr. Tannenbaum said that they are approximately three inches high with a gradual increase in height, then the decrease. They are often placed at school zones and neighborhood parks.

Mr. Recca said North Barry Avenue is busier as it leads to I-95.

Mr. Brendolan said the fire chief is against them as it slows down response time. Mr. Barney said that they would interfere with snow plowing, street sweeping, and other road maintenance.

Mr. Hazelwood added that if there is an ambulance with a patient inside, humps will slow down the vehicle.

Officer Davis asked if there was feedback for digital speed devices. Mr. Barney said the results are not back yet.

Mr. Brendolan said some humps have cuts in them for trucks. But a car axle is narrower and will hit the hump.

Mr. Barney said that enforcement is necessary and is definitely worth trying out.

Mr. Barney is going to the Sound Shore Chief's Association and will discuss with them.

Mr. Barney and Mr. Recca also will make calls to have others weigh in on this subject.

#### **2. Scooter Parking in Hatched lined roadways – Letter to Mayor**

The Traffic Commission favors and supports scooter parking and bike racks. More scooters and bikes currently are in use due to the economy and high gas prices.

A couple of scooters can fit into one parking spot, Dr. Tannenbaum noted. Mr. Hazelwood will send an e-mail to the village manager. The Village Manager or Trustees will determine the site(s).

### **3. Remove last two parking spaces at Washington Street at Old White Plains Road**

#### **Fire Council Recommendation**

Dr. Tannenbaum said there is a body shop on the corner. Mr. Brendolan said it is difficult for a fire truck with a ladder to swing the truck such as when going down Plaza exiting Washington Street. Newer drivers might have greater difficulty, he said.

Mr. Brendolan said one space twenty (20) feet) was taken out already. One or two more spaces need to be taken out for an overall total of forty (40) or sixty (60) feet. A truck is about fifty-six (56) feet.

Dr. Tannenbaum said the location needs further review and measuring. A fire truck should be taken out to demonstrate.

### **4. Remove parking from other side of the Crescent where parking is now allowed –**

#### **Fire Council Recommendation**

Request was made to remove parking on The Crescent on the fire hydrant side (east side).

Dr. Tannenbaum asked if the homes have garages and driveways. Mr. Brendolan said yes. Cars from the apartments park here, he said. It is a narrow street and trucks are having difficulty getting through. Clear one side of the street on The Crescent to the dead end. It was noted that the Code needs to be changed.

Mr. Brendolan distributed a handout with the Code, and his observations on Sunday, 1-10-2010 at 12:15 p.m. and read as follows:

The Crescent, East Side. No parking from Bleeker Ave. to the driveway at 818 The Crescent. This covers two houses. The Crescent has six houses on the East side (right side) and five houses on the West Side (left side) and two houses on the cul-de-sac. The fire hydrant is at 806 The Crescent. He noted that two cars were parked across from each other at 720 The Crescent and the width between the two cars, mirror to mirror was only ten (10) feet. The width varies on the roadway. There is no street sign on Oakwood Road at The Crescent.

As for trucks, Ladder 20, Engine 40, there is not much road width when cars park on both sides of the street. There have been instances whereby a truck could not get through.

**\*\* MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE NO PARKING ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE CRESCENT ON THE EAST SIDE (HYDRANT SIDE) RUNNING FROM BLEEKER AVENUE TO THE DEAD END.**

**\*\* MR. RECA SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- \*\* MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO RESCIND THE PORTION OF THE CODE THAT PROVIDES PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CRESCENT (BLEEKER AVENUE TO 818 THE CRESCENT).**
- \*\* MR. BARNEY SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### MINUTES

#### **1. Draft December Minutes**

- \*\* MR. BRENDOLAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER, 2009 MINUTES.**
- \*\* MR. RECA SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (SPEDAFINO, PARISEN).**

Mr. Reca asked about the traffic commission's passed motions and the Board's notification process on the status. Mr. Hazelwood said he will follow up and report back next month.

### ADJOURNMENT

- \*\* MR. BARNEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- \*\* MR. RECA SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

PREPARED BY:  
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Agostino A. Fusco  
Clerk-Treasurer