

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Chairman Myron Tannenbaum, Brian Kerr,
Abby Roberts, Joe Mazzullo, Kelly Wenstrup, Vincent Keck
Michael DeCunzo, Police Department Liaison
Daniel Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

ABSENT: Ed Zagajeski, John Figliomeni

Chairman Tannenbaum called to order the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Old Business

1. No Parking Corner of Heathcote and 438 Stanley Avenue

Mr. Keck said the corner house on Stanley Avenue faces Heathcote Avenue and its driveway is on Stanley Avenue. Parked cars overhang the driveway at 438 Stanley Avenue. The request was to take away one parking space between the driveway of 438 Stanley Avenue to the corner house driveway on Stanley Avenue. The Board agreed that it is a reasonable request.

Mr. Keck moved, seconded by Ms. Wenstrup, to remove one parking space between the driveway at 438 Stanley Avenue to the driveway of the corner house on Stanley Avenue. Motion passed.

2. Parking Time limits on Nine Acres Lane

The Board discussed and noted that construction work is taking place which is temporary. No action was taken.

New Business

1. Frank Avenue One-Way Southbound from Lorena Street to Keeler Avenue

Mary Pinto, resident, appeared and stated that she and Mr. Kerr have spoken about noise, and increased traffic in the area. She stated that it is not safe to walk on Frank Avenue. There also are many young children in the area. Motorists from Bellows School drive down Frank Avenue.

Mr. Sarnoff said there is an All Ways ‘Stop’ sign up for the road configuration. He mentioned that there have been five accidents in a 12-month period. Speeding is often by local residents. A traffic study will take place in this area after a traffic study is completed at another Village location. He asked that thoughts or comments be e-mailed to him before the traffic study.

Ms. Pinto noted that the roadway narrows on Lorena Street to Frank Avenue.

Mr. Mazzullo remarked that excess traffic is due to more residents driving their children to school rather than walking them to school.

Ms. Roberts said there should be a push to encourage kids to walk to school. She inquired if a comprehensive study has been done. Mr. Sarnoff responded yes. Mr. Sarnoff said there is a ‘Safe Routes to School’ group that meets and reviews activity.

Ms. Wenstrup suggested that the neighboring school districts meet to discuss ways to minimize traffic congestion.

2. Frank Avenue One-Way Northbound from Lorena Street to Wagner Avenue

Discussions to resume after Traffic study results become available.

3. Diagonal Crosswalk at the Corner of Frank Avenue and Keeler Avenue

Discussions to resume after Traffic study results become available.

4. Height of Stop Sign Westbound on Keeler Avenue at the Corner of Frank Avenue

The Board discussed and determined that no action be taken.

5. New Parking Restrictions – Palmer Avenue

Mr. Mazzullo said this is a special situation where the family needs help with two disabled children getting them on their bus, and to load and unload their equipment. There has been no change since the Traffic Commission’s vote in September.

Mr. Tannenbaum said a request was made by the family two months ago to designate a handicap pick up zone in front of their driveway and beyond for the children’s bus. Mr. Tannenbaum suggested that this matter be discussed at a Trustee’s work session.

Mr. Sarnoff said a No Parking sign is up.

Mr. Tannenbaum said the Traffic Commission will continue to monitor this matter.

Other

- Mr. Tannenbaum revisited an earlier agenda item for a no left-hand turn onto Hillside Avenue from Mamaroneck Avenue.

Mr. Sarnoff stated it is important to keep the flow of traffic moving on Mamaroneck Avenue.

Mr. Tannenbaum suggested that there be no left-hand turn onto Hillside Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days going southbound on Mamaroneck Avenue. Sign to be put on the light on Mamaroneck Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Mazzullo, seconded by Ms. Roberts, a sign to read: "No Left Turn, School Day from 7:30 AM to 9AM and 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM onto Hillside Avenue from Mamaroneck Avenue. Sign to be put on the light on Mamaroneck Avenue at Hillside Avenue. Motion passed.

- Trucks hitting the bridge. Officer DeCunzo said that the Bridge was hit this past week and it has been a weekly occurrence. Officer DeCunzo said when speaking with drivers after the accidents, he found that some drivers are inexperienced truck drivers, and some do not have a commercial license. The Traffic Commission will continue to monitor Bridge activity.

- Mr. Sarnoff said in regard to the Barry Avenue Bridge, the DOT is working with Metro North and is awaiting Metro North's response on next steps.

- Mr. Tannenbaum said an e-mail was received from the Village Manager regarding Grove Street, specifically the second house in on Grove Street from the corner of Wood Street. Driveway access is off Wood Street. The walkway to the house is in the middle of a parking spot. After discussing, it was agreed that no action be taken.

-Mr. Keck said he has three matters for discussion.

1. Mr. Keck recommended that all fire zone lines be repainted at all Village fire stations. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Wenstrup, seconded by Mr. Kerr, fire zone lines at all Village fire stations be reviewed and repainted where necessary. Motion passed.

2. Mr. Keck suggested that by the day care center and Columbia fire house on North Barry and Jefferson Avenues to consider putting on a LED push-button crossing sign and allow 15 seconds to cross. Bellows School also is nearby. The push button sign is in use by other municipalities and is effective. The Board discussed and said it is a valid request.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Wenstrup, install a LED push-button crossing sign at North Barry Avenue and Jefferson Avenue near the Columbia Fire house and day care center. Motion passed.

3. Mr. Keck presented to the Board a letter from the Fire Department regarding safety on Highview Street. Recently, when a call came in for Highview Street, the fire truck was unable to get into the street. Vehicles were parked on both sides of the street. Apparatus had to be hand carried to a resident's house. He noted that the Chief's car was unable to get down the block. This has been an on-going problem on Highview Street. The Fire Department requested that parking be allowed only on one side of the street.

Mr. Tannenbaum said a site visit will take place before the next meeting. Put on November agenda.

- Ms. Roberts asked for a status on putting down a sidewalk on Old Post Road. Mr. Sarnoff said that the Village is applying for a Grant for this work that will include a sidewalk, curbing, etc.

Minutes

1. Draft September Minutes

On motion of Mr. Mazzullo, seconded by Mr. Keck, the Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Wenstrup, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed.

PREPARED BY:
Anne Hohlweck

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Agostino A. Fusco
Clerk-Treasurer