

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, December 13, 2018

Present: Chair Trustee Katy Cornell, Trustee John Domaszek (arriving at 6:05PM), Committee Members, Ms. Barbara Decker, Mr. Gus Moulas, Mr. Andy Vrakas and Mr. D.J. Richlen.

Members Excused: President Neil Palmer.

Also Present: Police Chief Jim Gage.

1. Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order, at 6:02 pm, by Trustee Cornell.

2. Review and approve minutes from September 13, 2018.

Trustee Cornell entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Moulas made a motion for approval of the minutes of September 13, 2018, with Ms. Decker seconding and Mr. Vrakas abstaining. Motioned passed.

3. Review and act on legal opinion regarding previously approved child safety signs near St. Mary's School and Church.

Committee members reviewed and discussed the memo, dated November 7, 2018, from the Village Attorney, recommending against posting child safety signs. Trustee Domaszek highlighted the quoted excerpt, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation manual, recommending against the posting of the signs, stating that this information alone justifies reversing the decision to post the signs. Mr. Richlen concurred, stating that the memo also makes a strong argument for the removal of resident placed "slow down" advisory signs in the neighborhood. Chief Gage commented that such private signs could be removed, if placed on village right-of way in accordance with existing ordinance, but that officers do not typically remove the signs unless they cause a hazard, or someone complains.

Mr. Vrakas made a motion to reverse the previous decision for the placement of child safety signs, based on the Village Attorney memo, dated November 7, 2018, further directing staff to contact St. Mary's administration to advise them of the resident's underlying traffic concerns that precipitated the request for the signs. Mr. Richlen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss making permanent the temporary traffic signage around Tonawanda School.

Chief Gage gave an overview of the current temporary sign postings, indicating that the traffic flow has been much improved, asking that the Committee recommend the permanent placement of the signs, as indicated below;

- Recommending that the north side of Bobby Lane and west side of Hollyhock Lane be posted no parking.
- Install a no left turn sign, except busses, for the west parking lot entrance.

Chief Gage additionally reminded the Committee of planned long term changes, to include;

- Repaint the parking lot spaces to allow for a west to east only flow through the parking lot.
- Eliminate the parking row closest to the building to allow for queuing more parent pickup cars in the parking lot.
- Reconstruct the playground area to allow for a roadway/parking area to the south of the building with Legion Drive access.

Mr. Moulas made a motion to recommend that the temporary signage, as explained by Chief Gage, be made permanent. Trustee Domaszek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and discuss traffic counter data related to the Underwood Parkway cul-du-sac proposal.

Committee members reviewed and discussed the traffic count numbers, provided by DPW Director Richard Paul, Jr. Trustee Domaszek thought that by closing the Underwood Parkway, Mt. Kisco traffic could increase by as much as one hundred cars, representing nearly a 33% increase in traffic. Committee members asked if there would be any turning restrictions on North Ave., once the construction on North Ave. is completed. Mr. Andrew Steeno, of 14415 Thomas Jefferson Court, indicated that he had not seen any turning restrictions for either Mt. Kisco or Underwood Parkway on the North Ave. construction plans. Mr. Andy Azpell, reiterated that he had not seen any plans restricting turns onto North Ave., adding that previous criteria, set by the Committee and Village Board, indicate that increased traffic flow to surrounding roadways is a factor in determining the approval for a requested cul-du-sac. Trustee Domaszek indicated that he felt that the increase of traffic to Mt. Kisco was significant enough, absent any other justifiable safety reason for the cul-du-sac, to recommend no action on the request. Mr. Vrakas concurred additionally stating that he could not find any significant safety issue in favor of closing the roadway.

Trustee Domaszek made a motion to recommend denying the request to create a cul-du-sac on Underwood Parkway at North Ave., based on the diverted traffic flow and lack of any influencing safety condition.

6. Other Business.

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment.

Trustee Cornell entertained a motion for adjournment, at 6:40PM. Trustee Domaszek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vrakas, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

James P Gage

Chief of Police