

APPROVED MAY 13, 2015

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes**

April 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Pro tem Saricks called to order the April 8, 2015 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission at 7:00 p.m. and led the commissioners in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call followed and a quorum was established.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Pro tem Saricks, Commissioners Carter, Cronin, Golomb, Wilkinson, Wrobel

Absent: Chairman Stuebner and Commissioner Schiller

Staff Present: Dir. Nan Newlon, Transportation Division Mgr. Matt Mayer

Others Present: Paul and Ann Kimpton, 6900 Meadowcrest, Downers Grove; Ms. Lois Prelesnik, 6831 Meadowcrest, Downers Grove; Mr. William Baker, 836 67th Street, Downers Grove; Mr. Patrick Sommers, 6941 Lyman, Downers Grove

Chairman Pro tem Saricks reviewed the protocol for the meeting.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 AND MARCH 11, 2015 MEETINGS WERE APPROVED ON MOTION BY MR. WROBEL, SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

File #05-15 McCollum Park – Various Streets – Parking Restrictions, April 1 to November 1 – Transportation Division Manager, Matt Mayer, recalled that this matter was discussed at the last meeting as an update and he was presenting a new sign format as part of the packet. Various alternatives were considered, considering the public comments received and in reviewing the various issues surrounding the park itself. Mr. Mayer summarized the proposed signage would consolidate the existing street signage, better clarify enforcement, and provide consistency.

Per Dir. Newlon and Mr. Mayer, the specific changes that staff was requesting included expanding the parking restrictions to include Sunday mornings (9 AM to 4PM) and to include the verbiage “NO PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING” which the code already stated. Staff was not looking for approval of the restriction dates since the signage would be removed between November 1st and April 1st. Dir. Newlon presented a copy of the old signage. Staff recommended approval of the recommendation.

Chairman Pro tem Saricks invited the public to speak.

Mr. Paul Kimpton, 6900 Meadowcrest, Downers Grove, appreciated that staff listened to the residents. However, he asked that staff contact the park district regarding the signage and to

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ask them to educate (using flyers) the teams and program staff versus having police enforcement.

Per commissioner questions, Mr. Kimpton shared some background as to what activity was taking place at the park seven days a week. He stated that when he has family visit, he notifies the police ahead of time.

Responding to a question, Dir. Newlon stated the park district was aware of this matter but she would contact them again and notify them that the signage would be installed.

Ms. Lois Prelesnik, 6831 Meadowcrest, Downers Grove, thanked the commissioners for listening. She stated there also appeared to be more activity in the evenings when parents were picking up/dropping off their children, which was a concern. She asked how police enforcement would occur. Dir. Newlon responded that there would be some enforcement but could not provide details. Ms. Prelesnik supported communication with the park district.

Mr. William Baker, 836 67th Street, Downers Grove, stated that food trucks blocked his driveway last year and parents were having a pizza party in front of his driveway. He believed the 7 p.m. restriction was too early and suggested that police drive past the park once a week

Mr. Patrick Sommers, 6941 Lyman, Downers Grove, believed there were two issues: adults playing soccer during Sundays and youth soccer holding practice and games. He underscored that police enforcement take place during playing time and that the patrol be seen.

Mr. Wrobel brought up the idea of the park district having an auxiliary police officer to walk the perimeter of the park to establish a presence. He questioned if the police and the park district had communicated with each other on this matter. Dir. Newlon mentioned she could speak to the park district about this idea.

Ms. Lois Prelesnik, 6831 Meadowcrest, reiterated her earlier point about vehicles dropping off children and picking them up, pointing out it would be beneficial for the police to know their schedule so as not to have an officer walking the park every day.

Mr. Wrobel asked if traffic could be temporary blocked from the street and only be used for the residents like the high school used to do for the school buses. Mr. Cronin believed that enforcement was key to "breaking the parents' habit" and suggested Public Works to monitor the situation and track data. Dir. Newlon reassured that she would be working with the park district, police department, and the soccer club.

A resident returned and stated that enforcement was key but to also investigate having a designated drop off area in the parking lot on the Main Street side.

Discussion followed that 67th Street was not included in staff's recommendation because extended parking restrictions already existed on the street. Dir. Newlon pointed out the challenge of adding 67th Street to the recommendation, i.e., she would have to notify all of the neighbors on 67th Street. Instead, she explained that the motion could go forward as stated and staff could bring up 67th Street as a separate parking change in the future.

Ms. Lois Prelesnik, 6831 Meadowcrest, discussed that the detention pond area on 67th Street used to be a field but last year the park district added generator lights and now the pond was acting as a soccer field. She stated she attended a park district meeting where the district mentioned they were going to install a designated drop off area on the Main Street side but she has not seen it occur.

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Mr. Patrick Sommers, 6941 Lyman, mentioned he was not aware of the detention pond being used, nor the lights. He stated that the other soccer fields did not have lights and questioned why that was.

Dir. Newlon mentioned that after the meeting she could send the residents along 67th Street a letter requesting their input about extending the parking restrictions to Saturdays and Sundays and, if there was agreement, the matter could be returned to the May meeting or have the manager to provide short-term regulations in the interim. Mr. Saricks suggested taking up the lighting matter with the park district also.

MR. WILKINSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE IMPLEMENTED:

- **MODIFY THE CURRENT PARKING RESTRICTION ON JAY DRIVE, LYMAN AVENUE, MEADOWCREST DRIVE, 68TH STREET, VALLEY VIEW DRIVE, AND WEBSTER STREET, AS DESCRIBED TO “NO PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING ANYTIME BETWEEN APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1 BETWEEN 4PM AND 7PM, MON-FRI, AND BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM, SAT-SUN,” WITH THE CONDITION THAT 67TH STREET BE CONSIDERED AT A FUTURE TIME.**

SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Study Area 4 Meeting Update – Mr. Mayer reported that a neighborhood meeting was held and input was received. Staff consolidated the emails and input which resulted in reviewing three intersections in more detail. That report will come before the commission next month. The area with the most concerns appeared to be Douglas and Chicago, which will have a four-way stop. An update followed regarding the underpass grant; the parking lot arrangement/agreement with BNSF (Newlon will forward to the commissioners); and reconstruction underway for Lot H.

Mr. Mayer announced he will be presenting three cases from last year to the village council: Douglas Road, Grant Street, and Neighborhood Traffic Study 1. Lastly, he asked if there was any desire among the commissioners to receive their packets electronically. Consensus was to have packets sent electronically.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Wrobel announced that Dir. Newlon was recognized last night by the Village Council for taking over the chairmanship of the Public Works Committee under the Illinois Municipal League.

ADJOURN

MR. CRONIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:54 P.M. MR. CARTER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.