

ITEM ORD 2015-6204

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
5/19/2015

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed Revisions to Parking Restrictions on Douglas Road, Grant Street and in the vicinity of McCollum Park	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning:

- Parking restrictions on Douglas Road north of Ogden Avenue
- Revision of the parking restrictions along the south side of Grant Street between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, and,
- Revision to the “April 1 to November 1 Parking” restrictions near McCollum Park.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2011-2018 include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the June 2, 2015 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to address the excessive parking of commercial vehicle on the short segment of Douglas Road along Ogden, serving Skuttlebutt’s Restaurant and Autozone. This parking issue leads to unsafe driving conditions for vehicles and prohibit effective circulation of snow plows, Village trucks and general maintenance along Douglas Road.

Staff recommends a “No Parking Any Time” restriction, a distance of 100 feet on the west side of the Douglas Road and 65 feet on the north end of the road, just off of Ogden Avenue. The proposed restrictions will improve parking and vehicular movements at this location. See **Exhibit 1**.

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on September 10, 2014. The Commission voted 4-1 to approve this action.

Grant Street

The purpose of this item is to address resident and staff concerns regarding congestion on Grant Street, between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, adjacent to Herrick Middle School. When vehicles are parking and maneuvering, this section of Grant Street becomes congested; two-way travel becomes constrained and visibility is reduced. Staff recommends extending the No Parking to 4 p.m. where the restriction is currently No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The intersection of Grant Street and Middaugh Avenue currently has 4-way stop control and this entire section of Grant Street is a designated School Zone with 20 mph speeds enforced during school days.

This item was presented during the TAP Commission meeting on October 8, 2014. The Commission voted 5-0 to replace “No Parking 7:00 am to 1:00 pm” with “No Parking 7:00 am to 4:00 pm” along the south side of Grant Street Avenue between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, and maintain all other parking, as shown on **Exhibit 2**.

McCullum Park

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking (TAP) Commission on April 8, 2015, to address resident concerns regarding the seasonal (April 1 to November 1) on-street parking restrictions around McCollum Park. Residents expressed concerns about standing vehicles, blocked driveways, Sunday morning congestion, and general soccer season traffic. The issue concerns the lack of adherence to the existing signs for “No Parking” restrictions along both sides of 67th Street, 68th Street, Jay Drive, Webster Street, Lyman Avenue, Meadowcrest Drive, and the north side of Valley View Drive.

Staff recommends reformatting the signs to show the restrictions and extending the restriction on parking on Sundays, which will more accurately reflect the times that games are scheduled at the park (9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a change from noon to 4 p.m. currently).

The current parking restriction is:

- April 1st to November 1st
- No Stopping, Standing or Parking (written in Village Code but not on existing signs)
- Monday through Friday – No Parking 4pm to 7pm
- Saturday – No Parking 9am to 4pm
- Sunday – No Parking noon to 4pm

This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Commission. See **Exhibit 3**.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinances

Exhibits

Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2014 TAP Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2014 TAP Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2015 TAP Commission

McCollum Parking

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN MCCOLLUM PARK AREA**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by **shading**/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. That Section 14.104.06. is hereby amended to read as follows:**14.104.06. Same--Parking restrictions, certain times, in McCollum Park area, April 1 to November 1.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle from April 1 to November 1 between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. local time, Mondays through Fridays; between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. local time, Saturdays; ~~and between 12:00 Noon and 4:00 P.M. local time~~ and Sundays in the following locations:

Jay Drive, on both sides;

Lyman Avenue, on both sides, from the north line of Valley View Drive, to a point one hundred thirty feet north of the north line of Jay Drive;

Meadowcrest Drive, on both sides, from the north line of Valley View Drive to the west line of Fairmount Avenue;

68th Street, on both sides, from the east line of McCollum Park to the west line of Meadowcrest Drive;

Valley View Drive, on the north side, from the east line of Webster Street, to the west line of Meadowcrest Drive;

Webster Street, on both sides, from the north line of Valley View Drive, to a point one hundred forty feet north of the north line of Jay Drive.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any motor vehicle from April 1 to November 1, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. local time, Mondays through Fridays, at the following location:

67th Street, on both sides, from Blackstone Drive west to its terminus. (Ord. No. 2970, § 3; Ord. No. 3256, § 3.)

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

 Mayor

Passed:

McCollum Parking

Published:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

McCollum Park Parking Restrictions For Neighborhood Streets



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Excerpted 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 Meyer

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

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 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.

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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.

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.

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MR. WILSON 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.