

Village of Mamaroneck
August 8, 2022
Traffic Commission Meeting, Hybrid – MINUTES
(Minutes prepared by Gary Kligman)

Motion to open meeting. First and seconded. All in favor.

Grand Street

A resident stated that he was concerned about speeding that worsens when school starts. He asked if speed humps would be allowed or if anything else can be done.

Lieutenant Mark Gatta: Stated that they could put a traffic car police officer there to see what is happening.

Laura Abbate: Stated that this is an ongoing issue and suggested slowing speed limit to 10-15 miles per hour.

Lieutenant Mark Gatta: Agreed more staffing may help but that it depends on where accident reports occur and stated that there have been 7 accidents occurring since 2018 on Grand Street, but that accidents are going down.

Laura Abbate: Suggested changing the speed limit from 25 to 10 and put speed humps

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that NY state law dictates minimum speed limit of 25, but it

Lieutenant Mark Gatta: Instructed the committee to send an email about the advisory signs and increased officers to Daniel Sarnoff.

Brian Williams: Made a motion to suggest to the police department to install the speed sign, and to step up enforcement.

Robert Stark: Seconded. All in favor.

#1 Action Item: An email will be sent about the advisory signs and enforcement to the police department.

745 River Street

A resident was concerned about trucks and larger vehicles that are having to drive over his steps, therefore destroying the gas main and water main covers. He requested a no parking sign on the opposite side of the street to avoid this going forward.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that he will get a measure in order to put in a no parking sign and that the committee will return to this issue in September with a formal recommendation to install the no parking sign.

#2 Action Item: Daniel Sarnoff will receive a measure so that a no parking sign can be installed.

Mamaroneck Avenue and Raleigh Rd

A resident was concerned about the ability to make safe U-turns due to traffic speeding and asked if a sign could be posted to slow down traffic before passing the intersection by Raleigh Road and Mamaroneck Avenue.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that he will confirm with the County Department of Public Works and Transportation on whether or not advisory signage and lighting will be installed.

Approved

Lieutenant Mark Gatta: Suggested that there be multiple layers to help with the U-turn problem and speeding in general, and not just enforcement in one location.

Daniel Sarnoff: Reminded the committee that the Village is responsible for the enforcement but that the county owns the roadway so even markings cannot be put in place without their permission.

Brian Williams: Stated that this will stay on the agenda.

Madison Street from Grand to Old White Plains Road

A resident had suggested that hang tags be issued for vehicles on Madison St. due to trucks and other commercial vehicles that are taking up residential parking. He had suggested an ad hoc committee to review parking in that area.

Laura Abbate: Stated that parking in the Washington Ville and in the area around it needs to be re-thought to have better control of the parking situation in that area.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that there are 2 components to a residential parking program, one being the ability to have it due to state legislation and two being about who is eligible, the timeframe allowed, and this is left up to local legislation.

Brian Williams: Stated that the current legislation is set to expire on January 1, 2025, so the legislation will need to be looked into soon.

Daniel Sarnoff: Agreed with Brian Williams and stated that this will be investigated soon and that he will reach out to the representatives.

#3 Action Item: Daniel Sarnoff will reach out to representatives and the legislation will be looked into.

Jefferson Avenue from Meadow to Hillside Avenue –Excessive Speeding

Brian Williams: Stated that stop signs are not the best idea due to the fire department, for example. He brought up the use of children at play signs, speed humps, and increasing high visibility signage coming down from North Barry Avenue.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that the North Barry Avenue bridge is weight restricted so fire engines must get to the south side of the tracks. He also stated that the playground could use a children at play sign and that this would be an appropriate use of the signage. He gave information about the traffic analysis: the 85th percentile was 28 miles per hour (which is under the speed limit) and only 2 cars out of 8200 were going over 50 miles per hour. He stated that adding an additional sign could be looked into.

Brian Williams: Agreed that adding the additional sign would be a good idea.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that he could ask a traffic engineer to see if there is general guidance on the placement of speed limit signs.

412 North Barry Avenue – Install Safety Mirror

The resident asked the committee to wait until the September meeting to address this issue.

439 Center Avenue Sidewalks/Parking

People are parking on the sidewalk.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that it is illegal to park on the sidewalks.

Lieutenant Mark Gatta: Stated that the traffic commissioners can advise business owners to not park on the sidewalk.

Laura Abbate: Suggested looking at how other towns are managing this problem.

Royal Place and Old Post Road – Stop Sign

Brian Williams: Stated that on Royal Place foliage is jutting out and so individuals cannot see cars coming from Old Post Road.

Robert Stark: Stated that the homeowner had been instructed to remove some of the bushes, but they have continued to grow.

Daniel Sarnoff: Agreed that the obstruction is the largest issue, and a stop sign is likely not necessary.

Bleecker Avenue from Rushmore to Orienta – Speed Humps

Brian Williams: Stated that a resident asked about speed humps being added due to cars going fast and a dog was hit within the last few years. He asked what the criteria for speed humps are.

Daniel Sarnoff: Stated that there are no real qualifications for speed humps but that they should not be on arterial roadways.

Brian Williams: Stated that there are no signs warning about speed on Bleecker Avenue and that there should be signs that remind people about speed. It was suggested that there be a separate conversation about speed humps or speed bumps.

Laura Abbate: Suggested asking residents to see what they would want to do.

Corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and Old White Plains Road

Laura Abbate: Stated the problem of cars being parked corner to corner and that cars are forced to pull into oncoming traffic to get around the vehicles. She suggested painting grids and putting white poles up to stop cars from stopping there.

Daniel Sarnoff: Mentioned the problem of sign pollution since there are 4 signs on that corner.

Brian Williams: Suggested that a conversation with the traffic consultant is needed to come up with a good solution.

Spreadsheet to Keep Track of Discussions of Traffic Issues

Robert Stark: Suggested that a spreadsheet be made to keep track of locations and discussions had about traffic issues. He mentioned that issues that are being brought up in recent months were brought up years ago and there is no solidified record of this.

Brian Williams and Daniel Sarnoff: Agreed that keeping track would be a good idea. =

Approved

Brian Williams: Made a motion to approve the minutes from May and July.

The minutes for July are waiting on an amendment and will not yet be approved.

Brian Williams: Made a motion to approve the May minutes and close the meeting.

Robert Stark: Seconded. All in favor.