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**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
BOARD OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018**

PRESENT: Chairman Abby Roberts, Brian Kerr, Joe Mazzullo,
Shannon Purdy, David Salko, Myron Tannenbaum,
Ed Zagajeski (7:45 p.m.)
Vincent Keck, Fire Department Liaison
Nora Lucas, Traffic Commission Trustee Liaison

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

Old Business

1. Beach and Tompkins Lights

Mr. Mazzullo stated that the light fixture is positioned more toward Beach Avenue. The fixture needs a longer arm to be more effective. Mr. Sarnoff to advise on Con Edison update. Put on September agenda.

2. Westchester Jewish Center – Install Mirror

Mr. Sarnoff to update. Put on September agenda.

3. First Baptist Church – Handicap Parking

Mr. Sarnoff to update. Put on September agenda.

4. Traffic Light on Sterling Avenue and Boston Post Road

Mr. Kerr stated that he sent a letter to New York State, and that he has not heard back.

5. Walkable Community

Ms. Purdy said that she will organize an informal walk with Ms. Alana Stone and Ms. Jean Chung, residents, who are interested in safe walking in and around Halstead Avenue. Ms. Purdy said she will hold a briefing at a nearby location to discuss their findings.

New Business

- 1. Boston Post Road and Beach Avenue – No left turn**
- 5. Beach Avenue - Speed Bumps**
- 6. Beach Avenue and Brook St.**

Trustee Lucas said a No Left Turn sign can be put up but would be problematic. A Consultant has been selected who will assess the Beach Avenue area.

Mr. Tannenbaum mentioned that the No Left Turn was taken out at Boston Market. Discussion followed on Beach Avenue traffic.

On motion of Mr. Zagajski, seconded by Mr. Mazzullo, the Traffic Commission recommended that all areas around Beach Avenue be a priority for the Traffic Consultant. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Boston Post Road at Mamaroneck Avenue – Parking Bays

Mr. Waitt, resident, sent correspondence that two parking bays protrude too far out in front of the former Lum Yen restaurant on Boston Post Road and spaces should be removed as it forces cars to swerve into the outside lane when driving south on the Boston Post Road. After much discussion the Board agreed that no action be taken.

3. Cortlandt Avenue Parking

Residents from 149 Fenimore Road and 398 Cortlandt Avenue appeared.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) referred this matter back to the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Malecki of Fenimore Road prepared a parking diagram handout that was referred to during the meeting. He stated that he attended three meetings in 2016. His main interest is for safety. Mr. Burger of Cortlandt Avenue agreed that safety is their main goal too. The Board members were glad that they agreed on this aspect.

Ms. Roberts asked if the representatives from both buildings talked to work out a compromise. They answered no.

Mr. Burger reiterated that in 2013 parking was switched to the other side, and in 2016, it was switched back. He said parking is better on the street side that has sidewalks. Resigning needs to be done indicating 'No Parking' zones.

Mr. Tannenbaum added that resigning needs to be done around egress routes.

Ms. Maria Karsou, Fenimore Road building, said no-one uses the sidewalks. People walk in the road.

Mr. Malecki said there were no sidewalks put down when 149 Fenimore Road was built. He had requested at an earlier meeting that the Village put down sidewalks on their side. Handicap residents need safe access to the building. He also discussed visibility issues.

Ms. Karsou said lines need to be painted so that cars do not park where the walkways and curb cuts are located.

Ms. Purdy said that parallel parking adjacent to a sidewalk is not always the safest.

Mr. Salko referred to the diagram that Mr. Malecki provided and suggested taking away one of the five parking spots to improve visibility. His recommendation was well received.

Mr. Keck noted that this matter has been on various agendas for the past six years. He agreed that four parking spaces is good and to leave all walkways open.

On motion of Mr. Keck, seconded by Mr. Zagajeski, parking to be on the side of the street with sidewalks and one of five parking spaces be removed leaving four spaces for improved visibility. Motion passed with one (1) opposed (Tannenbaum), and one (1) abstention (Kerr).

Trustee Lucas said Cortlandt Avenue will be added to the Safe Walking assessment.

On motion of Mr. Zagajeski, seconded by Mr. Keck, Cortlandt Avenue be added to the Safe Walking assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tannenbaum suggested that the BOT look at the Plot plan/architectural drawing for Cortlandt Avenue.

Trustee Lucas left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

4. Warren Avenue and Nelson Street - Stop Sign

A local business employee from Warren Avenue sent correspondence requesting that a Stop sign be installed at Warren Avenue and Nelson Street as it is an unsafe area. Mr. Salko noted that this location is near a park. Mr. Keck said he is not in favor of adding a Stop sign at this intersection. He asked if there is accident data for this area. The Board was not aware of any accident history. It was decided that no action be taken.

7. Jefferson Avenue – 2 Hr. Parking Signs

8. Jefferson Avenue – Stop Sign

A resident wrote to the Village office that he is having difficulty finding parking on his street due to commuters taking parking spaces. Also, since the road is one way, he suggested a Stop sign or speed bumps to slow down traffic.

The resident said the 2-hour parking signs end at Cedar Street and requested that they be extended to North Barry Avenue. Mr. Tannenbaum said residents would have to move their cars every two hours when parked in front of their homes.

Ms. Purdy said that any action should wait until the Traffic Consultant evaluates this area. The police can be contacted to put in place the portable speed tracking device to track activity. Data collection should come first before any action is taken.

Mr. Tannenbaum discussed R permits. Mr. Mazzullo suggested that R permit zones be extended for the benefit of commuter parking. The Board of Trustees should add this to the Comprehensive Plan guidelines.

On motion of Mr. Salko, seconded by Mr. Zagajeski, R permit zones be extended to improve commuter parking. The Traffic Commission recommended that the Board of Trustees add this to the Comprehensive Plan that is being updated. Motion passed unanimously.

Other

- Mr. Edgar Garza, resident, asked that a Handicap parking space be put in front of his residence at 197 Washington Street that is a one-way street. He mentioned that three or four evenings weekly he speaks to a local group and returns home late at night. He often has to walk many blocks to his home after finding a parking spot. Mr. Salko mentioned that this spot can be used by any handicapped person and may not be available when he returns home late at night.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Purdy, a handicap parking sign be installed and space marked in front of 197 Washington Street. Motion passed with one (1) abstention (Salko).

- Mr. Mazzullo mentioned that on Keeler Avenue at Boston Post Road that there are too many signs and that the signs are getting larger and can be distracting to motorists. There should be guidelines. Lighted signs also should be limited.

On motion of Mr. Mazzullo, seconded by Mr. Keck, signage guidelines be put in place for motorist's safety. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

1. Draft July Minutes

On motion of Mr. Mazzullo, seconded by Ms. Purdy, the July, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion passed with one (1) abstention (Tannenbaum).

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Tannenbaum, seconded by Mr. Zagajeski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED BY:
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
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Clerk-Treasurer