

Minutes of the **Transportation Commission** Meeting Held on **May 13, 1998** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Training Room of the Village Hall

Members Present: Neil Ferrari
 Dominick Gatto
 Andrew Hansen
 Barbara Lusky
 Alan Swanson, Chairman

Members absent: Roger Teal

Staff Present: Robert S. Lewis, Village Engineer
 George Carpenter, Police Chief
 Linda Reilley, Engineering Assistant
 Officer Julie Parisi, Traffic Coordinator

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 1998 meeting

Mr. Gatto moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 1998 Transportation Commission meeting. Ms. Lusky seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Review of existing school crossing guard locations

Mr. Hansen said that no request for additional crossing guard has been received. The existing crossing guard locations were reviewed. He said the only change in the information presented was the number of children crossing at each location.

He said the pavement marking for the school crossing symbol at Lake/15th Street and Wilmette/16th Street had been put down. He said they were high traffic crossings but he does not intend to place pavement markings at all crossing locations nor at every intersection along the preferred walking route. He said the narrowcades have made great improvements at those locations.

Mr. Hansen mentioned a request from a resident at the last meeting on the possibility of putting the flashing beacons on the overhead bracket arms for the school crossing at 15th/Lake Street. The resident mentioned a couple of locations in Highland Park on Green Bay Road, which had the beacons. Mr. Hansen said the only thing that he could find in Highland Park were traffic signals, not traffic beacons. He believes the resident is referring to the school crossing signals in the

area. Mr. Hansen said he thinks that flashing beacons on post-mounted installation is adequate. He feels that there may be some reaction to putting the overhead bracket on a structure in a parkway in front of someone's home on Lake Avenue.

Mr. Gatto moved to approve retaining current school crossing guard locations. Ms. Lusky seconded the motion. The crossing guard locations were unanimously approved.

3. Request for crossing guard at Lake/Ridge

Mr. Hansen informed the Commission that St. Joseph's has applied for a Special Use Permit to re-establish the school at Lake/Ridge. There was a traffic study presented with their application and a crossing guard was requested at the intersection of Lake/Ridge. A Site Plan Review was made on the property.

Mr. Hansen said there is an agreement with the Police and Public Works Department that there should be a crossing guard at this location next fall. He said even though the school is just starting, the number of students crossing at this intersection does not matter because this is a very busy intersection. The Site Plan Review Committee recommended that the Traffic Study be reviewed when appropriate as when additional grades were added in the years to come.

The children will be dropped off in the parking lot on the west side of the school and walk around to the front. This area will be coned or marked off with cones to separate parents dropping off children. Mr. Hansen recommended that this side of the building should also be the egress for the buses.

Commissioner Ferrari inquired about the availability of sufficient manpower to cover all crossings, particularly by the Police Department. Officer Parisi commented that although sometimes difficult, sites are manned most times. Police Chief Carpenter added that at this time, police manpower was sufficient, but the Commission will have to keep manpower limitations in mind as additional sites are considered.

Mr. Gatto motioned to approve the school crossing guard at Lake/Ridge. Mr. Ferrari seconded the motion. The crossing guard at Lake/Ridge was unanimously approved.

4. Neighborhood Traffic Watch

Police Chief Carpenter mentioned the Neighborhood Traffic Watch Pilot Program which is being conducted in the 100 & 200 Blocks of Prairie. Residents are being trained to spot speeders, stop sign violators. They will be trained on how to use a radar unit.

Mr. Teal moved to approve the Neighborhood Traffic Watch. Mr. Gatto seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed pending matters of the next meeting. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.