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**VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH  
COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
200 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich  
September 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Sean Gallagher at 6:34 PM.

**Present committee members:** Chairperson Sean Gallagher, Sergeant Eric Bereza, Public Works Director Michael Brown, Laurie Stutzman, Corey Frank, Village Trustee Roger Sugrue, Deputy Chief Tony Grunder

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 29, 2023**

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of June 29, 2023 made by Michael Brown, seconded by Corey Frank.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Proposal to amend ordinance to allow for the operation of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs, on certain village roadways.**
- Sergeant Bereza presented a proposal by a resident to allow the operation of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs on certain roadways within the Village. The resident was not able to attend this meeting but wanted her proposal entered into the minutes. The resident plans to attend the December CPAC meeting.
- The proposal included the following specific requirements and restrictions:
  - Operation on streets with a speed limit of 30 MPH or less
  - Crossing Route 22 only at the intersections of Old Mill Grove Road or Old Rand Road
  - No operation on Main Street east of Old Rand Road
  - No operation on Old Rand Road north of Oak Street
  - No operation on Church Street/Midlothian Road
  - Required equipment consistent with the Illinois Vehicle Code
  - Annual registration and inspection by the Lake Zurich Police Department
  - Minimum driving age of 18 years old
  - Required liability insurance
- The resident provided a proposed ordinance and permit application.
- The resident provided a petition of support signed by 25 Village residents.

- Sergeant Bereza provided the members with a copies of the residents proposal, the current Lake Zurich ordinance regarding golf carts, Illinois Compiled Statutes 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 (Operation of non-highway vehicles on streets, roads, and highways), 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9 (Definition of golf cart), 625 ILCS 5/1-101.8 (Definition of All-terrain vehicle), 625 ILCS 5/1-168.8 (Definition of Recreational off-highway vehicle), ordinances from other villages which allow some use of non-highway vehicles, news articles involving traffic crashes involving non-highway vehicles, maps of Lake Zurich noting permitted and restricted roadways for non-highway vehicles, and a query of non-highway vehicle complaints received by the Lake Zurich Police Department. Sergeant Bereza also provided a summary of issues which would need to be addressed regarding the proposed ordinance.
- Roger Sugrue stated the benefits may not outweigh the potential risks.
- Corey Frank noted the Village may benefit by allowing non-highway vehicles as this could attract more visitors to the Village and attract more residents to the Downtown District.
- Deputy Chief Grunder compared the layout of Village of Johnsburg to the Village of Lake Zurich. He advised Johnsburg has a more condensed downtown area where it is easier and safer to drive a non-highway vehicle to restaurants and other areas around the Village. Where Lake Zurich is more spread out and the drivers would have to cross major highways and drive on streets busy with vehicular traffic.
- Sean Gallagher noted the Village would need to determine if a roadway was safe for the operation of a non-highway vehicle. Sean Gallagher was concerned about the potential liability the Village would incur if they allowed this. Sean Gallagher also believed this would increase the workload for the Police Department as it would increase the number of traffic complaints and potential violations by the non-highway vehicle operator.
- Director Brown believed the safety of everyone using Village roadways would be affected negatively. There are many roads in the Village which have a high volume of vehicle traffic and are not conducive to the operation of non-highway vehicles. The Village is geographically separated in quadrants and the non-highway vehicle would have to drive on busy streets and cross major highways. Some residents of the Village would not be able to reach the Downtown District as there would be no approved route due to restricted highways and private property.

MOTION to table this matter until the December meeting was made by Sergeant Bereza, seconded by Michael Brown.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Laurie Stutzman, seconded by Sean Gallagher.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted: Sergeant Eric Bereza

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson