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**VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH
COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
200 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich
March 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Sean Gallagher at 6:31 PM.

Present committee members: Chairperson Sean Gallagher, Sergeant Eric Bereza, Corey Frank, Village Trustee Roger Sugrue, Deputy Chief Tony Grunder

Absent: Public Works Director Michael Brown, Laurie Stutzman

Guests: Jan Yglesias (1115 Berkley Road, LZ)
John Janiszewski (722 Foxmoor Lane, LZ)
Kevin Hoth (138 Oak Street, LZ)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 18, 2024

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2024 made by Eric Bereza, seconded by Corey Frank.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

3. OLD BUSINESS

- **Proposal to amend ordinance to allow for the operation of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs, on certain village roadways.**
- Jan Yglesias presented her revised proposal to amend the village ordinance to allow golf carts to operate on certain roadways in the village. Jan Yglesias presented a revised map of the village showing which roads the operation of these vehicles would be authorized or unauthorized. Jan Yglesias shared her thoughts on how the village and the residents would benefit from allowing the operation of these vehicles. Jan Yglesias presented a new petition of support with additional signatures. Jan Yglesias posted her proposal on social media and advised a majority of comments were in support of the proposal. Jan Yglesias stated even though Lake Zurich is geographically separated, most residents would still benefit from allowing golf carts to operate on village roadways. Jan Yglesias compared the use of golf carts to the LPOA as only certain residents benefit from using the lake. She stated other residents shouldn't be punished from not allowing the golf carts in the village because some might not get the full benefit. Jan Yglesias stated golf carts are no more dangerous on the road as bicycles, scooters, and e-bikes. Jan Yglesias advised everything has a risk and if all decisions were based strictly on risk, everyone would stay home and not go outside.
- Sean Gallaher believed the layout of the village is not conducive to the safe operation of these types of vehicles. He reiterated Lake Zurich is divided in quadrants and golf carts would only be beneficial to a small percentage of residents. He was concerned of the additional

enforcement issues these vehicles will create for the police department. His biggest concern was the safety of the operator and passengers of these vehicles.

- Tony Grunder advised one of the main functions of CPAC is to evaluate a proposal and try to assess and mitigate the risk to residents. Tony Grunder believed allowing golf carts on village roadways would increase the risk to the golf cart occupants, pedestrians, and other motorists. He believed golf cart operators will eventually drive on prohibited roads and in prohibited areas. Lake Zurich is divided by prohibited roadways but people will eventually start using those roads when police are not present. Tony Grunder's biggest concern was the safety aspect. He believed golf carts will create an additional hazard on the roadways and extra work for the police department to enforce new laws/ordinances.
- Roger Sugrue noted that due to the village being separated by major roadways, not all residents would benefit from the allowance of these vehicles. He also had concerns regarding the safety of the operator and passengers of these vehicles while operating on roadways. One of main safety issues is the lack of safety equipment, like seat belts, in golf carts. He recommended Jan Yglesias present her proposal at a Village Board Meeting to gauge the interest of other residents and solicit feedback.
- Corey Frank stated one of his biggest concerns is the increased liability for the Village. In order for the Village to allow the use of golf carts, the Village must determine that public safety would not be jeopardized.
- Eric Bereza's main concern was the safety of the occupants of the golf cart and the additional hazard to other motorists. Eric Bereza also noted the enforcement of the golf cart ordinance, safety inspections, and the registration process would create additional work for the police department and take officers away from other important matters.
- Kevin Hoth advised golf carts can be equipped with safety equipment. Kevin Hoth believed golf carts will make the roadways safer as they are slower moving vehicles and create less of a hazard than motor vehicles. Kevin Hoth also believed the golf carts would work well with the Main Street beautification project.

MOTION to not recommend the proposal was made by Sean Gallagher, seconded by Tony Grunder.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Proposal to restrict parking to one side only on Ensell Road between Factor and Capital Drive.**
- John Janiszewski presented a proposal to restrict parking on Ensell Road to one side only. John Janiszewski stated the parked trucks create various hazards. When trucks are parked on both sides of Ensell Road, the usable roadway width is reduced which creates a hazard for vehicles driving between the trucks. This creates an unmonitored one-way traffic condition. The curves in the roadway make this issue worse. Trucks parked on both sides in the curved section on Ensell Road limits the line of sight for other drivers. These hazards increase with poor weather conditions. Ensell Road is a major thoroughfare, with a high volume of traffic, in the industrial park and is utilized by school buses, commercial trucks, and passenger vehicles. Limiting parking to one side, will allow drivers to have an unobstructed view of oncoming vehicles and increase the usable roadway width to make passing safer.
- Sean Gallagher was concerned that by limiting parking to one side, available parking spaces for other businesses would be reduced. This may unintentionally have a negative effect on businesses in the area. Sean Gallagher believed a parking restriction on Ensell Road may not solve the issue but just displace it to another location. Sean Gallagher recommended to extend the parking restriction to Telser Road if the proposal would be approved.

- Tony Grunder believed this was a legitimate issue and should be addressed. Tony Grunder recommended to have a discussion with Lake Zurich Public Works and the Lake Zurich Industrial Counsel prior to making a recommendation.
- Roger Sugrue stated this issue seemed like a valid concern and he didn't have a problem with the proposal.
- Eric Bereza advised there have been parking issues around Factor for some time. Some of the issues improved but have not been entirely alleviated. To this day, many complaints are still reported from surrounding businesses. Eric Bereza advised the parking restriction may displace the trucks to other areas of the industrial park, but mostly likely will improve the hazards around Factor where these hazards/issues/complaints are most prevalent.
- All CPAC members agreed that more information and discussions are needed. Eric Bereza will speak with the Industrial Counsel and gather traffic statistics prior to the next CPAC meeting.

MOTION to table this matter until the June CPAC meeting was made by Sean Gallagher, seconded by Roger Sugrue.

Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

- **Proposal to restrict parking to one side only on Brittany Road between Old Mill Grove Road and Timberwood Drive.**
- Eric Bereza presented a proposal to restrict parking on one side of Brittany Road due to the concerns of resident, Heather Wooden. Heather Wooden was not able to attend in person but shared her concerns in an email and two videos. Heather Wooden is concerned about the hazards that are created when vehicles park on both sides of Brittany Road. The usable width of the roadway is reduced. Only an average size vehicle can pass between the two parked vehicles. There are additional hazards of vehicle occupants opening their doors and pedestrian traffic in the area. The roadway is curved and limits the line of sight. One of the videos showed the roadway crowded with vehicles parked on both sides. Only one vehicle was able to pass at a time. The vehicle had to stop when a driver opened their door as there is not enough room to pass. The curve of the roadway coupled with the parked cars limit the line of sight. The driver was not able to see an oncoming vehicle until the vehicles were in close proximity of each other.
- Sean Gallagher stated the video was concerning. Sean Gallagher believed the parking restriction would displace the vehicles to other areas which may be the only solution. Sean Gallagher would like to obtain District 95's opinions and possible solutions on this issue.
- Roger Sugrue advised this appeared to be an issue and should be addressed.
- Corey Frank added the glare from the sun, when driving east, increased the hazards on Brittany Road. He was not sure an ambulance or fire truck had enough room to pass through when vehicles were parked on both sides.
- Tony Grunder stated this appeared to be an issue. He recommended a discussion with Lake Zurich Public Works and District 95 to exchange opinions and possible solutions.
- Jan Yglesias stated her child attends Sarah Adams Elementary School. Jan Yglesias stated the pick-up line, in the afternoon, on the school property is poorly run and hazardous due to the large number of children running around the parking lot. Jan Yglesias advised she refuses to use the pick-up line and we shouldn't force parents to use it as an alternative to parking on Brittany Road. Jan Yglesias added the drop-off line, in the morning, is much safer. Jan Yglesias believed the parking restrictions would need to extend further down Brittany Road and onto Timberwood Drive as vehicles would be displaced into those areas.
- All CPAC members agreed that more information and discussions are needed. Eric Bereza with speak with Disptrict 95 and gather traffic statistics prior to the next CPAC meeting.

MOTION to table this matter until the June CPAC meeting was made by Corey Frank, seconded by Roger Sugrue.
Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

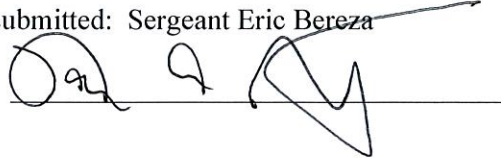
5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Sean Gallagher, seconded by Corey Frank.
Voice votes: No objection. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted: Sergeant Eric Bereza

Approved by:

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Chairperson