

Item #11:
Village President Rodriguez
B. Schaeffer Road Speed Limit Signs Request

David Lothspeich

From: David Lothspeich
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:58 PM
To: David Lothspeich
Subject: RE: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs
Attachments: LG Traffic Study Report final draft 3 12282006.pdf
 Village President Rodriguez and Trustees,

The attached (excerpt below) comprehensive traffic study was completed by the Village in 2006 and may be of use in evaluating the request from Mr. Fila. The request will be included on the upcoming May 25 board agenda for discussion/consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Dave

From: David Lothspeich
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 2:35 PM
To: Joanne Weber
Cc: Robert G. Block
Subject: RE: Schaeffer Rd

Joanne,

The Village's traffic study from several years ago concluded that while the vast majority of the speeds are within reasonable/expected limits, there are instances of few drivers greatly exceeding the posted speed limit and going 45-55 mph. The traffic study also concluded that while the number of vehicles was high it was in-line with the number of trips expected to be generated by the number of homes in the subdivisions. The experience has been that since the vast majority of drivers are residents, the residents are their own worst enemies re: speeding. Schaeffer road was targeted as traffic calming area (speed humps, etc) but the funding was cut due to the Village's finances. Part of the problem is that residents speed getting to their subdivision (street) since they do not live in this part of the subdivision (ex. Bridgewater and Country Club Estates residents using Schaeffer to get to their subdivisions). Yes, so long as the signage is warranted from an engineering standpoint, the Village can choose to allow a resident to pay for the signage. If there are expected to be on-going maintenance or other costs, the Village may want to request that additional funds be provided to offset these costs. Something in the Bridge would be a good idea and encouraging the HOA's to (again) remind their residents to be courteous of their neighbors.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

David Lothspeich
 Village Manager
 Village of Long Grove

D. Country Club Estates/ Country Club Meadows / Bridgewater Farms Traffic Calming Evaluations

Traffic volume and speed studies were performed to evaluate the area of Country Club Estates/ Country Club Meadows / Bridgewater Farms. Currently these roads are 24 ft wide with one lane in each direction. The roadway section is rural (ie no curb and gutter) with broad open areas adjacent to the road to provide for open drainage and limited direct

driveway access. Schaeffer Rd is a relatively straight roadway from IL 53 to Holly Court. Such a typical section is generally consistent with higher volume higher speed roadways. Schaeffer Road was a continuous route from just south of downtown Long Grove to Lake Cook Road; however the Village removed a section of Schaeffer Road in 1999 to discourage perceived cut-through traffic. North-south continuity remains via Schaeffer Road/ Holly Court/Tanager Way/Country Club Drive

Traffic volumes and speeds were collected along the route at Schaeffer Road and Country Club Drive. Traffic volumes (1,230 ADT Schaeffer Rd., and 728 ADT Country Club Dr) were found to be consistent with the size and density of the neighborhood including adjacent subdivisions (see Exhibit 1 Traffic Volume Map). The speed studies show the average speeds and speed variances to be a significant concern.

Currently the posted speed limit is 25 mph and the 85th percentile of Schaeffer Rd is 40 mph while the 85th percentile of Country Club Dr is 34 mph (speed limits are set based on the 85th percentile of the speeds collected). Notably, the data collected revealed that in the 24 hour period evaluated, 16 vehicles were found to be traveling at a speed higher than 50 mph, of which 4 vehicles registered speeds greater than 55 mph. This is more than twice the posted speed limit. This significant variance in actual speeds versus speed limits is an indication that the characteristics of the roadway corridor are not consistent with the conditions intended for the road and therefore this area is a candidate for effective traffic calming measures.

Additionally, a community meeting was conducted on October 19th, 2006 in order to obtain additional input and concerns from area residents as well as to provide the community with an update on the on-going evaluations. Various residents' comments described situations that would occur in areas where the motorist is not obeying the legal methods to control traffic. Residents noted that although there are not a lot of driveways with direct access to Schaeffer Rd, there are numerous homes that have backyards that boarder the road with concerns regarding children playing in these yards. Another main concern is that cars are disobeying the stop signs that are located along Schaeffer Rd at Antietam Rd / Sumter Rd and Manassas Rd. A notable comment included the lack of a pedestrian or multiuse path parallel to the road to separate pedestrians from the vehicles. The meeting minutes from the community meeting can be found in the Exhibit 2.

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From: FilaFrank@comcast.net [mailto:FilaFrank@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:10 AM

To: David Lothspeich; Rodriguez, Maria; Weber, Joanne; Marshall, John; JosephBarry@comcast.net; eacuna@kmasales.com; KTSchmitt@aol.com; chaswachs@wachs.org

Subject: Fwd: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Ladies and Gentleman,

Is there any hope of us getting the specialized speed signs we discussed last year installed on Schaeffer Rd between Rt 53 and Manassas?

We have literally thousands of cars and trucks doing 15 to 20 mph (and more) OVER THE SPEED LIMIT EVERY DAY.

If it just a matter of money I will be glad to pay for them myself...yes, it's that bad!

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You can see a picture of the sign below. It is used in Naperville on subdivision collector streets. We could also paint a few stripes or chevrons on the street or even the speed limit itself for very little cost. The way the economy and budgets are going our permanent solution with the installation of two speed tables seems to be off the table indefinitely.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please read through the correspondence below to get the specifics. We think this sign states the case perfectly and tells drivers that the VILLAGE is aware of the problem. Speeding has become so common place here that no one thinks twice about it. When a pot is boiling over on the stove you don't need to remove it...just turn down the heat a bit. We think these signs could do just that.

Thanks in advance for your response.

Kindest regards,

Frank Kowalczyk
1220 Schaeffer Rd.
Long Grove, IL 60047
847-634-9187

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: FilaFrank@comcast.net
To: "David Lothspeich" <lothsd@longgrove.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 12:36:00 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Dave,

Thanks for the detailed response...at last some feedback!

I fully understand. Hopefully conditions will improve so that something can get done in the future.

By the way, the path is wonderful. I've talked to many people who use it and the responses are all very positive. Kudos to everyone past and present who had the foresight to route the Menards sewer down our street and had a hand in getting the pathway constructed as part of the project. Also, leaving the cattails in the swale and finishing the shoulder with dirt and not more stone has really improved the look. It's a definite asset to the neighborhood. Can't wait to see the whole thing in the spring.

Thanks,
Frank

----- Original Message -----

From: "David Lothspeich" <lothsd@longgrove.net>
To: FilaFrank@comcast.net
Cc: "Robert G. Block" <blockrg@longgrove.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 11:27:54 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Frank,

We did receive your original request and inquired with the Village Prosecutor about the legality of such signs. The Village Prosecutor raised some potential legal concerns that we believe can be overcome. However, with the

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current economic climate and the Village's increasingly tight budget, the question becomes one of additional expense. I don't expect that these signs would cost that much, but at a time when the Village is tightening its' financial belt even more (along with everyone else) every additional dollar is being scrutinized.

While installing on Schaeffer as a test to evaluate their effectiveness may be an option, the Village needs to be prepared for additional requests throughout the Village if they are effective (perceived or real) with the understanding that once the signs are installed, having them removed if they are not effective is sometimes a more difficult proposition than having them installed. At this point the Village has approved and spent the budgeted funds for road paving/restoration for this fiscal year (May 1 thru April 30).

I will forward your request to Village President Rodriguez (Transportation) and Trustee Wachs (Infrastructure Committee) for their information and will include this request in the coming budgetary discussions for consideration by the Village Board. In the meantime, hopefully the installation of the pathways and crosswalks will have a positive impact on driving habits through your neighborhood.

Thanks,
Dave

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From: FilaFrank@comcast.net [mailto:FilaFrank@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:27 AM
To: David Lothspeich
Cc: Robert G. Block
Subject: Fwd: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Dave,

Did you ever get this?

Frank Kowalczyk

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: FilaFrank@comcast.net
To: "David Lothspeich" <lothsd@longgrove.net>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2009 9:20:12 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Dave,

I noticed that today work has resumed on finishing the Schaeffer Rd pavement repairs following the installation of the new path.

Was there ever a decision regarding my request for additional signage as noted below?
I never received any feedback one way or another.

I think this particular sign could go a long way toward informing drivers that the village does care and is aware of the constant speeding down our street. There is a significant segment of the population that would certainly slow down if they just had a reminder.

Please let me know when you get a chance.

Thanks,

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Frank Kowalczyk 847-634-9187

----- Original Message -----

From: "David Lothspeich" <lothsd@longgrove.net>

To: FilaFrank@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 8:59:44 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: RE: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Frank,

Thank you for the status report, I've reminded Bob to respond to your request.

Thanks,
Dave

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From: FilaFrank@comcast.net [mailto:FilaFrank@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 8:56 AM

To: David Lothspeich

Cc: njzal@aol.com

Subject: Re: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Dave,

I never heard back on my idea for a couple of extra speed signs as below for Schaeffer Rd.



Thanks,

Frank Kowalczyk

----- Original Message -----

From: "David Lothspeich" <lothsd@longgrove.net>

To: FilaFrank@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2009 2:40:37 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: RE: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Frank,

Thank you for the inquiry. I've forwarded to Bob and requested an update and will let you know.

Thanks,
Dave

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From: FilaFrank@comcast.net [mailto:FilaFrank@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 8:51 AM
To: David Lothspeich
Cc: Acuna, ED; Barry, Joe; Marshall, John; Schmitt, Karen; Weber, Joanne; Wachs, Charles; Rodriguez, Maria; njzal@aol.com
Subject: Schaeffer Rd Speed Signs

Dave,

Was there ever a decision made as to the installation of two additional speed limit signs on Schaeffer Rd. along with the wording Strictly Enforced?

I was out in Naperville recently and came across a sign that was placed on a subdivision collector street which I think is **better than the strictly enforced** wording. It informs without stressing the enforcement aspect which we really don't have. Please see the attachment.

Two of these signs, one placed in the middle of my property at 1220 Schaeffer for the northbound traffic and the other placed just north of the 1218 Schaeffer property for the southbound traffic could be a great help to **educate and signal** many of the drivers, especially service vehicles who just mindlessly speed down our street.

Our section of Schaeffer between Rt 53 and Manassas has by far the worst speeding and is in the greatest need of relief. Of course we would like a more permanent solution with the speed tables but it could be a very long time before monies become available. Two inexpensive signs could be a big help in the interim.

Also, your last email also mentioned that additional crosswalks and pedestrian warning signage were to be implemented along with the new path. Is that still on track?

Thanks.

Kindest regards,

Frank Kowalczyk 847-634-9187.