

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2024  
MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Call to Order**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Keith White.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson White led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson Keith White  
Commissioner Amit Shah  
Commissioner Jeff Dahlberg  
Commissioner John Puljic  
Commissioner Karen Berkowsky  
Commissioner Mike Dibra

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner George Karagozian  
Commissioner Ninous Chalabi

Village Staff Present:

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer  
Brandon Nolin, Community Development Administrator  
Trustee John Thill  
Justin Juraz, Police Department Liaison

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson White proceeded to seek approval of the February 1, 2024 minutes. There were not changes or alteration to the minutes. Commissioner Berkowsky moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shah seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHAIRPERSON RECOGNITION**

Chairperson White announced the resignation of Commissioner Sievert from the Traffic Safety Commission due to personal reasons.

**STAFF REPORT**

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer, announced upcoming construction in the Village. Oakton Street and Dempster Street bridges over Edens Expressway will be under construction . Traffic will be maintained on one lane in each direction on these streets over the next few months, so avoid the area if possible.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **STAFF REPORT**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5. PC24-02 – Egret Badminton – 8150 Lehigh Avenue**

#### **Applicant Helen Zhen**

A Special Use permit application to operate a badminton gym/training facility in a M-2; General Manufacturing.

Brandon Nolin, Community Development Administrator, provided a brief overview of the case. Egret Badminton is proposing an indoor member only badminton training facility with six indoor courts that can accommodate up to 24 players at any time with four to eight employees. No tournaments will be held at this facility. The member at the training facility are from elementary school age up to college age with member mainly being dropped off and picked up for practice. The proposed facility will be 16,000 square feet with hours being 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm on weekdays and from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm on weekends. They currently run similar facilities in Schaumburg and Chicago.

Justin Opitz from Kimley Horne presented the Traffic and Parking Evaluation for this facility and presented the following findings:

- The parking lot is shared with two other businesses. Demand for this facility can be up to 40 spaces. During the study, it was observed that the parking lot always had about 54 parking spaces available during the business hours for this facility.
- The proposed facility will have access to the entire parking lot during nights and weekend.
- The traffic study examined the business' effect of traffic on Lehigh Avenue and found no significant impact on Lehigh Avenue.
- Lighting is adequate in the parking lot with exterior lights on the building which provided enough light for pedestrian.
- During significant snowfall, snow will be pushed to the back end of the parking lot near the loading zone and will not significantly impact parking. The facility will not be using the loading zone for their operations.
- Commissioner Dibra had a question regarding if there are tournaments at their other locations. Ryan Philips, real estate agent for the applicant, stated that tournaments are only held at their Schaumburg location. This proposed location will not have any tournaments.

Commissioner Berkowsky made a motion to approve a Special Use permit application to operate a badminton gym/training facility in a M-2; General Manufacturing district. Seconded by Commissioner Dahlberg.

C. Berkowsky aye  
C. Dibra aye  
C. Dahlberg aye  
C. Shah aye  
C. Puljic aye  
Chair. White aye

**OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS – NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjournment. Commissioner Dibra made the motion and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

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Minutes By: Saba Koya

Approved