

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2025
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 7:01 PM by Chairperson Keith White.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson White led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome New Commissioner

Chairperson White introduced a new Commissioner to the Traffic Safety Commission, Robert Campanella. Commissioner Campanella gave an introduction and was welcomed to the Commission.

4. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson Keith White
Commissioner Amit Shah
Commissioner Bradley Alper
Commissioner Ninous Chalabi
Commissioner Jeff Dahlberg
Commissioner Robert Campanella
Commissioner Chris Sheehan

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Mike Dibra (with notice)
Commissioner John Puljic (with notice)

Village Staff Present:

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer
Anne Ryder Kirchner, Planner and Zoning Administrator
Trustee John Thill, Trustee Liaison
Sean Lang, Police Department Liaison
Rick Dobrowski, Fire Department Liaison

5. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson White proceeded to seek approval of the November 7, 2024, minutes. There were no changes or alterations to the minutes. Commissioners Sheehan abstained his vote. Commissioner Dahlberg moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shah seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

STAFF REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

6. PC25-01 – Parkview School Addition – 6200 Lake Street

Applicant: Alan Armbrust of STR Partners LLC on behalf of Morton Grove School District 70

A Special Use Permit application to allow the expansion and modification of an existing school in an R-1: Single family Residence District.

Anne Kirchner, Planner and Zoning Administrator, introduced the case. The proposed expansion includes the addition of a new wing, a partial second floor, a new playground, and upgraded landscaping. The adjacent west parking lot will be reconfigured for one-way circulation and will gain nine additional parking spaces. No changes are proposed to the existing parking or site access on the south and east ends of the property. Lighting additions will be limited to four poles in the parking lot and wall sconces at entryways. No changes are planned for the school's signage. The Appearance Commission has approved the site plans with a minor modification to the landscaping proposal.

Alan Armbrust of STR Partners LLC, speaking on behalf of the applicant, noted that he has worked with the school district for fifteen years and stated that this expansion may represent the final opportunity for growth at this location.

Stephen Corcoran, Director of Traffic Engineering at Eriksson Engineering and Associates, Ltd., presented findings from the traffic and parking study. He reported that the proposed expansion is not expected to significantly affect traffic patterns at the site. The study accounted for a projected 7% increase in student population, which the school district anticipates over the next several years. He emphasized that the school already implements extensive traffic control measures during peak hours, ensuring smooth traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times.

Currently, the school has three parking lots. Additionally, an agreement with the Park District allows the school to use adjacent park district lots. This brings the total available parking to 160 spaces. A recent parking survey recorded 115 parked vehicles for a staff of 118, indicating sufficient capacity to accommodate future growth.

Commissioner Chalabi expressed concern about student safety when crossing from the Park District lot to the school. He suggested exploring additional safety barriers. Mr. Corcoran responded that any modifications would require coordination with the Park District, as it is their property.

Commissioner Sheehan inquired about traffic impacts during construction. Mr. Armbrust explained that a dedicated construction manager would be hired to oversee operations and mitigate disruptions during the project.

Chairperson White asked whether any concerns had been raised by the police or fire departments. Staff confirmed that there were none, and no additional staff comments were provided.

Commissioner Dahlberg made a motion to approve PC 25-01 as presented, with one amendment: the addition of warning signage for southbound traffic near the Park District's west parking entrance to inform drivers that left-turns onto Dempster Street are prohibited. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shah and carried.

C. Alper	aye
C. Campanella	aye
C. Chalabi	aye
C. Dahlberg	aye
C. Sheehan	aye
C. Shah	aye
Chair. White	aye

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjournment. Commissioner Sheehan made the motion and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Minutes By: Saba Koya