

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2026
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 p.m. by Chairperson Chalabi.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Chalabi led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll. Commissioners Bradley Alper, Ninous Chalabi, Jenny Cleary, Jeff Dahlberg, and Chris Sheehan were present. Commissioners Robert Campanella, Michael Dibra, and Frank Wang were absent.

Village Staff Present:

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer
John Thill, Village Trustee
Rita Minx, Village Trustee
Keith White, Village Trustee
Justin Jurasz, Police Department Liaison

4. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Chalabi sought approval of the February 5, 2026, meeting minutes. With no corrections given, Commissioner Alper moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Sheehan. A roll call voice vote ensued. The motion was adopted with Commissioner Dahlberg abstaining.

STAFF REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5. Request for Review – Requesting to Subdivide the Existing Zone 1 Special Permit Parking area into Three Smaller Areas with No Changes to Restriction Parameters: Village Staff (Represented by: Chris Tomich, Village Engineer)

Chairperson Chalabi introduced the Request for Review and asked for a Village representative to present the case.

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer, stated he is representing Staff to recommend subdividing the existing Zone 1 Permit Parking area into three smaller areas with no changes to the restriction parameters. The existing conditions would remain, which is parking restricted for no more than one hour, between 8 am and 3pm, on weekdays when school is in session [except for vehicles displaying a Zone 1 permit sticker or guest pass]. The intention is to address resident concerns regarding Niles West High School Students parking in the area. Staff confirmed that there is misuse of Zone 1 parking passes which contributes to the concerns expressed by residents. Those residents closest to the school have students parking in front of their houses but it has been determined they are from other areas within Zone 1 or are from outside Zone 1 but manage to have a parking pass. The Staff report has been provided. Prior to this meeting, Village Staff held two informational meetings to which the residents in the parts of Zone 1 which are proposed to be changed to other zones were invited. Zone 1 has over 400 properties. The two informational meetings were held in April; 123 properties were invited to the first meeting, and 201 properties were invited to the second meeting. Six people attended the first meeting, and one person attended the second meeting, both of which the residents were notified by letter. Staff take the lack of attendance as somewhat of a concurrence with what has been proposed. Staff spoke with those who attended the meetings who were generally in support of the proposal. Mr. Tomich spoke with two residents who were in attendance tonight and found them to be in support of the change. Mr. Tomich invited them to offer their comments if they were interested. Mr. Tomich said he would answer any questions.

Chairperson Chalabi opened the floor to Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Sheehan asked, if passed, when would the change happen. Mr. Tomich stated the zones would be implemented by the beginning of the next cycle of vehicle stickers which is basically August 1. Commissioner Sheehan pursued clarification by confirming the stickers have an expiration date, and it would be around that time that the change would be implemented. Mr. Tomich confirmed that the change is being aligned with the replacement schedule to allow time for administrative tasks including notifying affected residents and redistributing parking stickers and passes at the same time vehicle stickers are reissued. Commissioner Sheehan asked if that would help reduce the

possibility of a lot of people with Zone 1 stickers suddenly parking in Zone 1 who would otherwise park in another place. Mr. Tomich concurred.

Chairperson Chalabi confirmed there were no additional questions from the Commissioners. He then asked if there were any public comments . There were none.

Chairperson Chalabi then asked if the Fire Department had any questions or comments. A Fire Department representative was not present to offer any.

Chairperson Chalabi then asked if the Police Department had any questions or comments. Officer Jurasz stated there were none.

Chairperson Chalabi then confirmed Village Staff had no additional questions or comments.

Chairperson Chalabi then confirmed there were no further followup questions or comments.

With no further comments, Commissioner Sheehan moved that the Village Staff request be approved as presented to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlberg and passed by the following vote:

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

Co. Alper	<u>aye</u>	Co. Campanella	<u>absent</u>	Chair. Chalabi	<u>aye</u>
Co. Cleary	<u>aye</u>	Co. Dahlberg	<u>aye</u>	Co. Dibra	<u>absent</u>
Co. Sheehan	<u>aye</u>	Co. Wang	<u>absent</u>		

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Dahlberg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Alper. It was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes By: J Garcia, Engineering Technician

Checked by: C Tomich, Village Engineer