

Oakwoods HOA Special Meeting

July 13, 2021

Board Members Present: Paul Baker; Jeff Stromberger; Lydia Sheehan, Andrew Eich, Sandy Dorrell, and Tina Eades

Residents Present: Alex Lord; Daisy Velsco; Alissa Hayes; Susan Marlowe; Seth Deibart; Kevin Holmes; Danna Herline; Melody Jameson; Cody Stultz; Tiffany Lashley; Sarah Smith; Liz Sharon; Greg Vertrees; Kathy Britnell; Bill & Tammy Morfey; Dan & Jane Swaney; Robin Willis; Tamara Deters, and Janet Sturgeon.

Meeting called to order at 6:32.

Paul read the May 19th letter sent to the Safety Committee. The safety of the children, youth, and adults in Oakwoods is the highest priority of the OHA Board Members. The Committee will study the problem and make recommendations to the Board.

Paul introduced Andrew Eich, who was asked to replace board member John Stear who is moving out of the subdivision, and then asked to chair the Safety Committee at the same meeting (6/29/21).

Paul read parts of the July 11 letter sent to the Board. Guidelines – Learning & Listening – no action – receive ideas.

Paul has reviewed the work of the Safety Committee and he is very pleased with the work they are doing.

Paul has contacted the city of Bloomington and received conflicting information. McLean County Asphalt has a range of options. Speed Bumps, which are abrupt, should be driven over approx. 3 mph. Speed Humps are smoother – speed can be 10-15 mph.

Ten years ago, there was a heated debate, and the Board rejected the idea of speed bumps, so the motion was withdrawn. When the Woodhavens asphalt work was being done 2 years ago, Scott Duvall was almost hit by a car. After that incident, he purchased and installed the speed bump with no charge to the subdivision.

Andrew Eich reported on 7/3, he, Jeff Stromberger, Cody Stultz, and Darla Stroyan walked the neighborhood to determine where problems are. Their recommendation is to change speed bump to hump and add one on Juniper between Ivey Ct and Yew Ct.

They also researched a Led/Solar “Your Speed” sign at a cost of \$3,000, which is about the same price as a speed hump. They also recommend 4 way stop signs at Edgewood and Timberview and Woodhavens and Timberview. The cost is \$250 per intersection. They also talked about temporary white tape or white line.

Tiffany likes the stop sign.

Melody – likes the speed humps.

Tamara Deters asked about liability if we install more speed bumps/humps. People pulling their campers and boats – if they damage their property going over them, Jeff indicated there is no liability on the subdivision. It is the driver's responsibility.

Jeff indicated there are two signs on the entrance, but we can use one of them on the speed hump installed on Juniper.

Cody Stultz – he lives by the original speed bump – he is 30 years old, with two sons – a four-year-old and a 6-year-old – one is autistic. There are also two other families around them with special needs children. In addition, there is a day care across the street.

Andrew indicated the phases – install the stop signs, speed humps, and then the "speed" sign.

Alex has lived in the subdivision for 3 years. He is 28 years old and never been to a board meeting before because he doesn't care 😊. But when he read the sign at the entrance to the neighborhood, he knew he had to come. When his brother was 14 and he was 16, he was killed by a car. In his opinion, 6 speed bumps/humps are not too many.

Paul – our subdivision should have sidewalks, but we do not. It's a horrible situation. We do live at risk in this community. You can have speed humps and snowplows.

Janet – signs for speed bumps – could be a bike issue – could be more dangerous. White van sitting in the street. Private streets.

Bus 82 drives crazy in the subdivision. The bus garage can be called and report the issue.

Daisy – Juniper – why can't we talk to the residents that are speeding?

Sandy's daughter – it can also be people outside of the subdivision. Public work trucks go way too fast up and down streets when they are picking up trees, etc.

Sarah – is it going to slow them down?

Janet – Juniper – have lived in her home for over 25 years. She loves the beauty – she loves not having sidewalks, she loves the beautiful area and trees. She was witnessed over the years of people almost getting hit. She has said things to the board in the past without much response. Time have changed – there are more kids and families. She suggests 2 speed bumps/humps on Juniper.

Andrew – where would you suggest. Between Cedar and Ivey.

Tiffany – worried about the placement of the speed bump/hump when others are coming off Six Points Road; could be a potential rear end situation.

Janet indicated she lives next to the tree island (on Timberview) – this does make people slow down. Andrew asked how that affected parking; because the island is close to a cul de sac opening, it's not an issue.

Alex thought the tree island or a traffic calming circle was an interesting idea.

Susan asked if police would come out. Andrew indicated he talked to a desk sergeant. We have private street. They cannot enforce.

Paul used Country Club Dr as an example – they have 7 speed humps and every one has a sign 20 mph.

Tiffany – all the streets in our subdivision look nice. When is her street getting fixed (Cedar Ct)?

Susan – on the dip area on Woodhavens. People speed both directions – it's terrible. We need to slow them down.

Andrew – drainage there is a concern too.

**Paul indicated to note the trees and bushes need trimmed along our streets. Woodhavens in particular.

Seth – regarding Timberview – we need to think about the emergency response time. We should research what kind of humps/bumps work better for the emergency vehicles.

Inverted asphalt crowned streets – 12-18" open so waterway can be kept open.

Tamara – what is the price of \$3,000 cover? There is a \$50 difference between the asphalt hump and the removable speed hump.

Jeff – they will not plow if we get asphalt speed humps.

Stacey – she lives on Palm Ct and they haven't been plowed for several days after snow falls. She doesn't want speed bumps.

There is \$25,000 budgeted for this project with no increase in HOA fees. Paul emphasized there will be no increase in dues for this work.

Tamara indicated there are budgeted items in November – contingency fund or emergency funds. She has lived here for 28 years. About five years ago she was walking dogs and witnessed reckless driving.

Andrew indicated the speed hump cost is \$2,683. The speed limit sign is \$2,999. This clocks the time and speed and can be moved around. It can be set if the car is going 26 mph it will start flashing. This can be used to collect data.

Melody feels this will deter people who don't live here.

Paul indicated the directions we are moving toward:

- Should we have equipment similar to the city. This is something we can do on our own. Look at other streets. Is storage needed? Do we need someone to make sure it is in working order?
- Replace speed bump with hump on Woodhavens. Paul is not sure it is a definite that we can't have street plowed with speed hump.
- Edgewood stop signs. Jeff indicated the city told them we could not put them in, but we did it anyway. The city indicated nothing would be done if we did.

Cody asked what the fastest speed was. David Sage/Jeff average speed 31 mph for a 10-day survey. On Woodhavens the city says the speed limit is 30 enforceable.

We don't have the capabilities for strong sanctions. Country Club vs. Oakwoods – we need to be safe as possible and convenient.

One concern for the flashing light stop signs – depending on where it is, they could flash into someone's home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44.