

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

October 25, 2022

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2022 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Traffic Ordinance to Restrict Parking on Meadow Lane During Certain Times" was held on October 25, 2022 at 6:05 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.
Councilwoman Katie Legg
Councilwoman Sandy Wasson
Councilman Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works
Jim Smith, Budget Officer
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman

Supervisor Grubham opened the hearing by reporting that the Town was asked by the school district to restrict parking on Meadow Lane during certain times because the buses were having a hard time getting by cars parked on the road.

Supervisor Grubham then opened the hearing to public comments. Mark Casiuk of Meadow Lane spoke to the Board about his concerns with this law. Mr. Casiuk feels that if cars are not allowed to park on the side of the road then the traffic speed will increase and become dangerous. Mr. Casiuk claims that speeding has been a problem for years and been monitored by the Sheriff's department at times. If this law is put into effect then there will be no restrictions and nothing to slow traffic down. Mr. Casiuk continued by explaining that his son's vehicle is parked on the road during the day, and that it does not impede traffic, it just slows it down. According to Mr. Casiuk, he spoke to the school superintendent and four bus drivers and none of them had a problem with the parking on Meadow Lane. Mr. Casiuk is against this law being enforced and feels it will only make matters worse.

Jake Tutko of Colton Avenue also spoke to the Board and feels that cars slow down whether there are vehicles parked on the road or not, and the road is not wide enough to pass a school bus. Mr. Tutko is in favor of no parking on Meadow Lane.

Supervisor Grubham closed the hearing at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk