

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 8, 2023

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: John D. Schaefer, Director of Public Works

Topic: Stop Sign Request

PURPOSE

Public Works received a request to replace the yield signs at Birch Road and Gottschalk Avenue with stop signs. The requester stated their concern that the yield signs are not effective. This change would make the intersection a two-way stop for eastbound and westbound traffic, and is similar to other blocks in the neighborhood. The installation of stop signs and removal of yield signs within the Village requires Board approval.

PROCESS

Public Works investigated the concerns and observed several cars that did not slow down or yield to approaching cross traffic. It is our understanding that this intersection has an increase of traffic when Willow School is in session, both with teachers driving to the school and with parents dropping off children at school via Birch Road to the Highland cul-de-sac.

Administrative Order 83 states staff will present stop sign requests to the Village Board that meet two warrants of MUTCD. Although this request only meets one of the criteria, the proximity of Willow School and the ineffectiveness of the current yield signs should be taken into consideration.

OUTCOME

Installation of these stop signs will address the concerns of the residents of this area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** No Financial Impact
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

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LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance revising schedules regulating the use of streets within the Village of Homewood to remove yield signs and add stop signs at the intersection of Birch Road and Gottschalk Avenue.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance