



Memorandum

MEMO DATE:

MEETING DATE: 1 February 2021

TO: Village Board

FROM: Chief Dan Layber, Police Department

RE: Proposed Speed Limit Change on Vilas Road

OVERVIEW /BACKGROUND

The Police Department is requesting that the village board authorize a change to the speed limit on Vilas Road in front of Bakken Park from 45mph to 35 mph. With the addition of a splash pad, Miracle Field, rugby clubhouse and a new shelter, we are concerned that traffic will increase on Vilas Road with numerous cars entering and exiting the park. The vehicles would be entering and exiting on Vilas Road which is currently a 45mph zone. This is too fast for people to react to this increased entrance and exit traffic, and therefore we are requesting that the board, via an ordinance change, reduce the limit to 35mph. Brian Huibregtse from MSA has examined this location and he has determined that the village can make this change without a traffic study due to it being an outlying district. Mr. Huibregtse also recommended signage for Vilas Road and coordination with the Town of Cottage Grove on their section of the road near Clark Street. Chief Layber has contacted the Town Police Department this past summer and recently to try and coordinate signage changes.



FINANCIAL IMPACT Limited financial impact to the village other than the cost of several signs and the time to remove, replace and install new signs.

DEPARTMENT HEAD THOUGHTS/RECOMMENDATION

Recommend changing the speed limit on Vilas Road from 45mph to 35mph to enhance the safety of vehicles and pedestrians entering and exiting Bakken Park .