



TO: President Gardiner and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Jill E. DiTommaso, PE
Deputy Town Manager

DATE: June 5, 2023

RE: Flashing Pedestrian Beacon
Hohman Avenue at Sunnyside Park

Background

The Speed Team is an interdepartmental group tasked with reviewing requests and implementing traffic calming measures around Town. There have been concerns expressed from residents and Councilors about pedestrian safety around Sunnyside Park.

Methodology

Sunnyside Park is located on Hohman Avenue between Sunnyside Avenue and Fairbanks Avenue consisting of two playground areas, including the only sensory park in the Town. It is a neighborhood park serving both the east and west sides of Hohman Avenue.

The speed limit on Hohman Avenue is 35 miles per hour in this area. The closest controlled intersection on Hohman Avenue is at Broadmoor Avenue, approximately 1,600 feet south of the park.

There are currently “No Parking” signs along Hohman along the park’s frontage, but there are often cars parked in this area, which can obstruct passing drivers’ view of the park and any pedestrians attempting to cross Hohman Avenue. Additional striping will be added this summer to demarcate this no-parking zone.

A mid-block crossing is in place with signage and a high-visibility “piano key” crosswalk striped in the roadway. The Speed Team recommends the installation of a flashing beacon at this location, similar to the one installed on Timrick Drive at Kiwanis Park, shown in the Google-street view image below.



A quote to furnish and install this flashing beacon assembly was solicited from Midwestern Electric, LLC and is attached for your consideration. The lead time on this equipment is six to eight weeks.

Recommendation

By motion and voice vote, approve the installation of a flashing pedestrian beacon at Sunnyside Park by Midwestern Electric, LLC for the quoted price of \$18,950.00.