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*10/22/18*

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**Cc:** Jon Marshall <JRMarsall@town.arlington.ma.us>, Marie Krepelka  
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**Date:** 10/15/2018 11:53 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Magnolia Park entrance Thorndike

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Hi Jim,

Appreciate yours and everyone's time looking into this situation. I am not sure even with proper placement of a sign would be a deterrent to people who drive fairly fast to the dog park or to drop off people to the T at the end of Thorndike. It certainly would be a start to review and assess the area. A sign(s) places at the corner yellow house and near the end of Thorndike near the gravel road would be a start. Just looking to keep the highly dense kid population safe near the park. If you need anything from me please let me know.

Best  
Bill

On Oct 15, 2018, at 12:05 PM, Jim Feeney  
<JFeeney@town.arlington.ma.us> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Palmteer,

Select Board Administrator Marie Krepelka shared with me your correspondence below regarding the Thorndike St. side entrance to Magnolia Park. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for taking the time to document your concerns in writing.

I visited the site last week to review your request for a crosswalk. After a cursory evaluation, it seems applying a marked crossing at this location would not be appropriate given that the far side landing would be in such close proximity to the driveway opening. Further, the established criteria require ADA compliant curb ramps when we designate via pavement markings new crossings, which do not presently exist in this location. Although they could be constructed, we ideally aim (in accordance with Nat'l guidelines) to cross pedestrians at intersections, avoiding mid-block locations, so as to enhance, rather than potentially reduce, pedestrian safety.

With all that said, and even though this is not the main/signed entrance to the park, perhaps additional signage could be placed to call motorists' attention to the potential presence of additional child pedestrians. There may or may not be precedent examples at other recreational facilities in Town.

In order to have TAC evaluate the request for additional signage, the Select Board will have to formally refer your request to them at an upcoming meeting. I have copied the Town's Transportation Planner, Daniel Amstutz, here so he is also aware of your request.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim

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Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2018 22:50:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magnolia Park entrance Thorndike

Hi Jon,  
Can you give me another resource to talk to about taking care of this safety concern for the kids....  
Thanks  
Bill

On Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 10:16 PM bill palmteer <[bill.palmteer@gmail.com](mailto:bill.palmteer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Jon and Marie,  
Any thoughts on next steps to get a crosswalk or even something more visible?  
Thanks  
Bill

On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 6:48 AM bill palmteer <[bill.palmteer@gmail.com](mailto:bill.palmteer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Marie,  
Anything you need from me please let me know..

Thanks Bill

On Aug 30, 2018, at 9:34 AM, Jon Marshall <[JRMarshall@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:JRMarshall@town.arlington.ma.us)> wrote:

Bill-

I reached out to the Select Board's office and Marie Krepelka, the Boards Administrator; let me know that these request would start with the Board of Selectmen before moving onto the TAC. I have copied her on this email so that she can review the request and follow up with you on any additional information they may need.

Thank you,

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Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2018 22:28:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magnolia Park entrance Thorndike

Hi Jon,  
Is this something you can help me with or get in contact with the correct people? A kid almost got hit today...  
Thanks  
Bill

On Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 10:33 PM bill palmteer  
<[bill.palmteer@gmail.com](mailto:bill.palmteer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Jon,  
I couldn't find any such department.... Perhaps you can help us out and find me a contact? Actually you might be of help as well. Thorndike St. gets quite a bit of outside traffic due to proximity to T and the dog park. A lot of people drive really fast down the road. We need some way to remind the drivers that there is a park there and to look for kids.. Lots of kids cross the street in front of my house to come play with my kids.... I noticed the other entrance to the park has at least white lines indicating a cross walk... This would be a great first step to make unaware drivers there is a park. A flashing light or sign would even be better. I have to imagine in some form you are responsible for park safety and this would go a long way to protect a lot of the kids that unfortunately do not look very well before they cross the street...  
Thanks  
Bill

On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 3:10 PM Jon Marshall  
<[JRMarshall@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:JRMarshall@town.arlington.ma.us)> wrote:

Bill-

I think the Transportation Advisory Committee would review all requests for road/signage in the road.

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Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2018 18:09:43 -0400  
Subject: Magnolia Park entrance Thorndike

Hi John,  
Hope all is well. BTW love the new paint on the  
pumping station!!

Who could I talk to in the town about getting  
something done on Thorndike st to alert drivers  
theirs a park and should slow down? Perhaps cross  
walk in street like is done on the other  
entrance?

Thanks Bill