

**City of Traverse City  
Parking Committee Minutes  
Meeting July 23, 2015**

1. Members Present: Bevier, Bruckbauer, Nye, Olshove, Serratelli, Streit, VanNess.
2. Members Absent: McCall, Soyring.
3. Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM
4. Continued Discussion of Spill Over Parking: the following comments were made by the committee:
  - a. Parking distance from alleys and intersections is controlled by State Law and we can not easily modify
  - b. Recommend meetings with the neighborhood associations (September) that feel they have a parking problem – Serratelli / VanNess + others if interested
  - c. Can we use close in lots (churches etc.) for parking
  - d. Can we use Thirlby field (14th street) for a Park and Ride lot
  - e. We need to develop a system to incentivize Park and Ride
    - i. Charge users
    - ii. Charge businesses
  - f. Question – How many parking spaces are in close proximity to downtown (not in private lots)
    - i. How many public lots
    - ii. How many on street (number that are free)
    - iii. How many are 2 Hour limit / How many 110 Hour or all day
  - g. How do you pay for enforcement of parking rules
  - h. Can a one (1)-block trial be set up?
5. Public Comment:
  - a. Deni Scrudato:
    - i. Residential Permits should be at No Charge to residents
    - ii. Church lots may be utilized for other activities – need to check each lot individually
    - iii. Consult neighborhoods on specific concerns
    - iv. Include Washington from Cass to Boardman in discussions
    - v. The issues may differ block to block
  - b. Brian Hass (old town)
    - i. Every block is different
    - ii. Lots of free on street parking
    - iii. On street parking slows traffic speed
    - iv. Many all day parkers – need permit options for all users
    - v. Meeting with the neighborhoods a plus
  - c. T. Michael Jackson
    - i. Make sure we also consider types of vehicles parked (large vehicles use multiple spaces)

- ii. Elimination of spill over parking will require a change in behavior accompanied by a well thought out and executed communication program
  - d. Adrienne Rossi:
    - i. Need to consider long term and short term parking in neighborhoods for both residential and commercial users
      - 1. Two hour parking allows short term commercial parking
      - 2. Long term parking is more difficult
    - ii. Neighborhoods need protection not \$ from selling parking permits
    - iii. Enforcement is the main issue (costly); may need to revisit fines in residential areas
    - iv. Get serious about remote parking
    - v. No one should depend on neighborhood streets for parking
  - e. Elizabeth Whelan:
    - i. Meet with neighborhoods
    - ii. Try to find 'Positive' rather than punitive solutions
    - iii. Not a supporter of permits
- 6. Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 PM.
- 7. Topic for discussion at next meeting: Parking minimums (new / remodeled commercial, within certain distances from existing parking structures or BATA station etc. etc.)