

DATE: July 25, 2023
To: Village Manager Creer
From: Brendan McLaughlin, Chief P. Dalen
Subject: Middaugh Sign Request

Issue:

The Department was contacted by a concerned resident regarding recent crashes near the curve (227 Middaugh) on Middaugh and would like additional signage or a barrier near the curve.

History:

Within the past eight months, the police department responded to two single car crashes in the area of 227 Middaugh. The drivers in both incidents were traveling northbound, failed to negotiate the curve, and drove off the roadway. Parkway trees were struck in both instances and a fire plug was struck in the latest incident. Both drivers were ultimately arrested for DUI.

Current Conditions:

Middaugh is a residential street and has a speed limit of 25mph. Middaugh has a sidewalk on both the east and west side. Parking is restricted to one side of the street. There is a slight curve in the road near the recent crash sites. Curve ahead signs are posted prior to the curve for northbound and southbound traffic. Previous traffic data collected in the area shows the 85th percentile speed for northbound and southbound traffic to be approximately 28.96mph to 29.8mph



Engineering review:

Christopher Burke Engineering was contacted to assess the curve on Middaugh Rd. for additional measures that may deter motorists from driving off the roadway. One suggestion was to post chevron signs (see below) along the east side of Middaugh for the northbound traffic. The engineer did note, however, that because of the low-speed limit, chevrons would be unnecessary and would probably not deter drunk drivers from veering off the road.



Staff Conclusion:

Staff concurs with the findings of the Village Engineers.

