

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Deb Groat, Tracy Richardson, Alan Seymour

Others Present: Deputy Chief Brooks, Chief Riley, Terry Emery

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the meeting on July 13, 2015 and September 14, 2015 were approved as presented.

Consent Item: Mrs. Groat moved to add a consent item to the agenda. She would like to discuss moving the November Public Safety meeting to the 10th at 5pm. Mr. Seymour seconded the motion.

Mrs. Richardson said the proposal is to move the meeting from Monday, November 9th at 5:00pm to Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00pm. She asked if there were any conflicts with this change. No one had any conflicts, the next Public Safety meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00pm in the Conference Room.

Agenda:

Comments from Citizens:

Pedestrian Safety: Mrs. Richardson said she walks a lot. She has noticed and has had citizens complain to her about people not obeying standard law during school zones. People are not yielding to people in the cross walks, even ones with baby strollers as well as people blowing through stop signs. She said her reason for putting it on the agenda was for the Police Department to help specify what the laws are, so we can inform the public. Deputy Chief Brooks clarified with Mrs. Richardson that she wanted him to explain the laws for pedestrian safety. She answered yes.

Deputy Chief Brooks said we received a legal opinion from the Law Director, which stated they are not violating the ordinance unless they fail to yield to a pedestrian in their lane of travel or as so close to present a danger. He does not think it is a violation if a motorist fails to yield to a pedestrian who has just entered the roadway on the opposite side of the lane. Pedestrians can even be charged with walking out in front of a moving car that could create an immediate hazard. Deputy Chief Brooks said we have dispatched officers to school zones to help enforce the speed. He said when they are present people adhere to the law, but are relaxed when they are not there. He also added that we have included this information on our facebook page, and we are getting ready to send it back out.

Mr. Emery said Mrs. Krutowskis has prepared a document that says she had addressed pedestrian safety when the new school year began, it went out on facebook and a news flash on the Cities' website, which were all done just prior to the school year starting.

Mr. Emery showed the committee different informational sheets that will be continue to be published to keep reminding Citizens about pedestrian safety.

Mrs. Groat explained in her daughter's town the pedestrian has the right-of-way once they step foot into the cross walk. She suggested that if the committee or administration would like to review this ordinance and make changes we could. They decided they would leave it the same now.

Halloween Safety: Mr. Emery explained that Chief Golden was on Marysville Matters on October 5th and he discussed Halloween safety. Mr. Emery said we have prepared press releases with tips for Halloween safety that were sent out today. Information was posted on facebook today, she will repost the information on October 26th. He said we are doing trick or treat on Saturday, but we need to be prepared for a lot of central Ohio communities are doing it on Thursday, October 29th. He said you may see more people coming to Marysville.

Mrs. Richardson asked if we have ever directed cars to park in the school parking lots during trick or treat to help with the flow of traffic. She said we should direct people to park into the school parking lots instead of people driving down the streets looking for parking.

Mrs. Groat asked if we are wanting to invite people to attend trick or treat from outside of the community. She did not think that is what we were wanting to do.

Mr. Seymour asked if we could put a flashing light at the entrance of the big subdivisions (Mill Valley and Scotts Farms) to remind people that it is trick or treat. Mr. Emery answered yes, they could do that. Mrs. Groat said she would prefer to do the signs over the designated parking areas.

Mrs. Richardson said let's review the idea, which is putting up signs to remind people to drive safe that it is beggars' night. Mr. Emery said we can put our two signs and look into the cost of renting another sign.

Mrs. Richardson explained how great it is to see the police and fire department out during trick or treat. Chief Riley explained the more visual they are the more they can watch out for kids who are not being as closely watched. He said we have given someone a ride home because they were tired of walking.

Mrs. Groat and Mrs. Richardson thanked both department for being out in the community on beggars' night.

Mr. Seymour suggested for the next meeting the topic of backyard fire pits. Mrs. Richardson asked if we can post something. Chief Riley said you can have a cooking fire, but the fire has to be around the size of what you're cooking. He said you can't burn brush or trash within one mile of the City limits.

Adjournment: Mrs. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm.