

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held June 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Patrick Jones, Police Chief, William McCullough, Fire Chief, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 05/23/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT

Chief Jones explained that this is a request to receive allocated funds for premium pay for EMS employees that worked during the Covid-19 pandemic. This would give premium pay to the firefighters/paramedics who were responding to the medic calls during that time. Chief Jones stated that they need to sit down with the union to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding, to determine how the money will be split. Mr. Weber asked about the data and how that will be split up. Deputy Chief Granta responded that they are working with the Finance Department on the data and have some preliminary numbers. Mr. VanHoozen thanked Chief Jones for bringing this to committee. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

UPDATE ON CROSSWALK BETWEEN RIVERCREST AND ROTARY PARK

Chief Jones explained that they have looked at the crosswalk further with the City Engineer. If they were to put a crosswalk there, the best place would be near the tennis courts, so they could connect to the sidewalk on both the east and west sides of the road. Chief Jones stated that the biggest hurdles will be the ditch there, the beacons for the crosswalk, and getting approval to move the school zone further to the south on Fort Meigs Road. There is currently no money in the 2023 budget for this.

Ms. Materni suggested that ARPA funds could be used for safety projects. Mr. VanHoozen asked from Chief Jones' perspective, if this is a priority for safety in Perrysburg. Chief Jones responded that pedestrian safety in general is a priority. Mr. Weber asked if we can move forward to get cost estimates. Mr. VanHoozen added that if it does not rise to the level of ARPA funding, we are getting ready to put together next

year's budget.

Debbie Syrigos, 1806 Osprey Court, stated that it makes a lot of sense and is glad that they figured out a place to put the crosswalk. Ms. Syrigos stated that it would be nice if it was close to the school, if kids want to go to the park after school. She appreciates the update.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber stated that a friend of his works at a local bank and they had a response to a false alarm in the middle of the night. They complimented the Police Division on their professionalism and how they handled the situation and wanted to pass that along.

Chief Jones gave an update on the parking projects at Walnut and Third, as well as Elm and Third. There is money in the budget to do those. He added that they are looking at East Second Street and continuing the parking on both sides all the way down to Elm Street, which is in this year's budget as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.