



Safety & Service Committee
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Technical difficulty delayed start of the meeting and affected audio during the meeting.

Mayor Chip Dutcher called the Special Safety and Service Committee meeting for September 9, 2020 to order at 5:10 pm

Members Present - Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
Absent - None

Staff present - Mayor Chip Dutcher, Jim Lenner-, Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Abe Haroon, -Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council.

Public present - Joe Krouse, Brett Krejci, David Cool, Dale Dickson, Mary Queen Cool, Amy Lehner, Matthew Huggins, Stephen Parport, James Smothers, Nicholas Linn, Laura Gallegger, Katee Miller, Lorene Pesicek, Marcie Wilson, Janet Smith

2. Parkdale Drive; Proposed One-Way traffic

Chief Haroon reviewed the proposed one way traffic pattern previously presented to the Committee and noted laws and concerns on having school staff or other citizens direct traffic; it is illegal to have anyone but a uniformed officer direct traffic; it is ok however for citizens to help students across marked crosswalks.

Safety of the students has been a topic of conversation since the school went in; Committee heard comments from school staff on student drop off and pick up procedures; Superintendent Dale Dickson and Johnstown Elementary Principals Marcie Wilson and Janet Smith . Some concerns noted were that vehicles begin to line up around Parkdale up to two hours before pick up time; the no left turn during set hours has helped but still happens, and likely the biggest problem is getting off the campus because all must stop at the stop sign exiting on to Leafy Dell Road.

Public comments

1. Lora Gallagher 101 Parkdale; Said she has never had a problem with the school traffic but offered suggestions: add signage on Parkdale that says school traffic keep right; encourage people exiting the school to leave by way of Croton road; consider a remote drop off area; install crossing lights at the crosswalk.

Mr. Lee replied that there are self actuated crossing lights on SR 37 at the Highschool and also at Edwards and North Main to ensure safe crossing. Park and walk could be a good idea, he knows some use library for this currently. The exit to Concord road by way of Eagles Nest is currently used for the school busses and part of the reason the no left turn was put in.

Mr. Block asked Chief for his thoughts on the stop sign at the school exit. Chief of Police recommendation is to assign a special duty officer to that location.

3. Matthew Huggins 132 Parkdale; said he has had no problems getting to or from his house. Problem exists when parents show up too early for pick up. Suggested making the intersection of Leafy Dell and Parkdale a three way stop instead of four and putting up signs that traffic from the elementary does not stop. Some discussion with Chief on speed within the subdivision.

Chief Haroon added it would not be his recommendation to have public road traffic yield to an exit of private property.

Mr. Lee said there are signs on the right side of Parkdale that say no parking, it may need enforcement by the Police Department to ensure crosswalks and side streets are clear.

4. Amy Lehner, elementary school staff member. Helps students cross the road after school; said parking on Parkdale is an issue, people park who don't want to wait in the pickup line, she said after school cars park on both side of the road, it is a problem when cars park on the side closest to the school, cars cannot see children trying to cross; if no

a. Police Chief Report

3. Adjourn

ACTION: Mr. Lehner moved to adjourn; Mr. Block seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm