CITY OF PICKERINGTON

SAFETY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

3. POLICE

   A. Chief's Report

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

   A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

   B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

6. CHAIRMAN

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

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1. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Rohaly called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mrs. Rohaly; Mrs. Sanders; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Kemper
Others Present:	Mayor Gray; Nick Derksen; Greg Butcher; Chief Cheney; Heather Moore; and others

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mrs. Sanders **to approve**, **seconded by** Mrs. Hicks

Yes: Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks
4 - 0 Passed

3. POLICE

A. Chief's Report

Chief Cheney stated he had provided a written report and would answer any questions. Mr. Kemper inquired if there were any complaints or increased instances of people riding dirt bikes on public roads. Chief Cheney stated that those types of complaints are received occasionally. Mr. Kemper inquired about the laws surrounding the operation of a dirt bike. Chief Cheney stated that they are permitted on private property but need to follow the noise ordinance, and they are not permitted on the sidewalks or streets. He continued that a couple of years ago there were people riding in the common area of the Villages at Sycamore Creek near the pool, but that has been corrected. Mr. Kemper stated that there have been people riding dirt bikes along the side of Refugee Road near the Melrose neighborhood, presenting a safety concern and inquired if people should call the Pickerington Police Department or the Sheriff's office. Chief Cheney stated that calls could be made to the Pickerington Police Department, and they would forward the concern to the Sheriff's office if it was determined not to be within the city's jurisdiction.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Katie Cleary and her son Abraham, Pickerington residents.

Ms. Cleary stated that she and her son are before and after-school walkers to Heritage Elementary School from the Pickerington Olde Village area and were present to discuss a safety concern and a potential resolution for the intersection and traffic lights at Columbus Street and Center Street. She continued that the traffic light and pedestrian walk signal are very short, which gives them very little time to cross the street, causing conflict with vehicles. In addition, the walk signal is placed so far away from the traffic signal, making it difficult for vehicles to see the signal and pedestrians. She stated that one potential solution that they came up with is to extend the walk signal an extra ten seconds before the traffic signal changes to allow pedestrians to get across the intersection, which is a feature that the City of Columbus has on some of their pedestrian walk signals. She stated that a second solution is to put signage where the vehicles can see indicating that vehicles need to yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing the street. She stated that these two measures could be a cost-effective way to improve the safety of the intersection for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Mr. Kemper clarified that Mr. Butcher would look into the proposed suggestions that were made by Ms. Cleary.

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

Mrs. Rohaly noted that trick-or-treat is scheduled for October 31st.

B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

Mr. Kemper stated he did not have a report as he was unable to attend the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting but would answer any questions.

6. CHAIRMAN

A. Police traffic control

Mrs. Rohaly stated that she has briefed the Chief and will allow him to respond to some comments that she has received about crowd control and traffic at the Friday night football games. Chief Cheney stated that there will be pedestrian and traffic issues for a few years at the new stadium until the new school and parking lot are built. He continued that he would check with the supervisor that worked the recent football game to find out why the traffic was only permitted to go one direction, but moving forward they would allow traffic to travel in both directions, unless there is an accident or something preventing that traffic flow.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Hicks **to adjourn**, **seconded by** Mr. Kemper

Yes: Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Rohaly

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The Safety Committee adjourned at 7:15 P.M., October 2, 2024.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Heather Moore, City Clerk