CITY OF PICKERINGTON

SAFETY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:15 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025, 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. Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present:	Mrs. Sanders; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Derksen; Mr. Kemper
Others Present:	Bob McCracken; Brian Wisniewski; Jaclyn Rohaly; Greg Butcher; Heather Moore; Commander Bontrager; Linda Fersch; and others

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

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

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

3. POLICE

A. Chief's Report

Commander Bontrager stated that he would answer any questions regarding Chief Cheney's written report. Mr. Kemper noted that Foe, the department K-9, was being retired and inquired if there was an issue with the dog. Commander Bontrager stated that Foe is almost nine years old and has been having issues with hip dysplasia. He continued that the department will hold a retirement ceremony for Foe in February. Mr. Kemper questioned when a new K-9 would start. Commander Bontrager stated that training for a new K-9 would occur in May. Mr. McCracken inquired if there would be a different handler for the K-9. Commander Bontrager stated that they are currently in the process of accepting applications from the officers for the K-9 handler position. Mr. Kemper questioned the cost of training a new K-9. Commander Bontrager stated the cost is roughly $16,000, which includes training, equipment, and room and board for a six-week program. Mr. Butcher stated that we have an opiate fund established and with permission from our Law Director, we would like to appropriate that money for the training that Commander Bontrager discussed, so it might be an appropriation for Council to consider next month.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

A. Linda Fersch, 470 Lorraine Drive.

Mrs. Fersch stated she was present this evening to discuss two incidents that recently occurred and to request that the committee consider additional safety measures. Mrs. Fersch described a recent accident that she was involved in at the intersection of Milnor Road, Meadows Boulevard, and Pickerington Road and believes that the accident would have been avoidable had the other driver been traveling the speed limit. She stated that she understood, from talking to Mr. Butcher, that the intersection is on the Capital Improvements Plan, but would like to urge the committee to install some type of flashing warning sign on Pickerington Road before the hill similar to what is at Basil Western Road or prohibit left-hand turns at that intersection.

Mrs. Fersch described a second incident that occurred in the crosswalk at Center Street and Town Square Drive where a couple using the crosswalk was struck by a car. She continued that she is recommending flashing lights similar to what is on Long Road and Columbus Street for this area.

Mrs. Sanders stated she would work with the City Manager and report back to Mrs. Fersch.

Mr. Wisniewski inquired if we have ever looked into solar-powered streetlights. Mr. Butcher stated that we have looked into solar-powered streetlights and have found out that they require a significant battery source for the wattage that the lights require, but has asked the Service Director to look into it further.

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

There was no discussion.

B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

Mr. Kemper stated that the Parks and Recreation Board had their reorganization meeting in January and Mr. White is the Chair, Mr. Harris is the Vice Chair, and Mrs. Shepherd is the Secretary. He continued that he emailed Mr. Butcher regarding a group that offers free tree saplings and a quarter acre of free prairie seed as we had talked about making an area of the property on Diley Road south of the railroad tracks a prairie area. Mr. Butcher stated we have 400 free trees coming for earth day and the locations for the trees are still to be determined, but the area on Diley Road is being considered. He continued that we would hold off on the prairie grass for now.

6. CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Sanders stated she had nothing to bring forward.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

4 - 0 Passed

The Safety Committee adjourned at 7:29 P.M., February 5, 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Heather Moore, City Clerk