

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

April 12th, 2011
5:30 P.M.

Council Committee Members: Chair Mark Masser, Matt Lampke, Jed Morison

Roll Call: Chair Mark Masser, Jed Morison. Matt Lampke absent.

Others Present: Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Bill Harvey, Ben Kessler, President McClelland, Chief Rinehart, Richard Sharp and Rick Weber.

Review of Minutes: March 8, 2011- Approved

Ordinances –

Third Readings.

None.

Second Readings.

Ordinance 08-11 to require the posting of a health inspection report sign by licensed food service operation and food establishments, introduced by Mark Masser (Introduced on March 15, 2011)

Mr. Masser said Dr. Meyers will be attending the next meeting. Mayor Brennan said the Board of Health wants to utilize Bexley as a pilot program. If it is successful here, we will start seeing these in other surrounding communities. Mr. Masser explained the signage lists the date of the last inspection and customers have the right to ask to see the inspection report.

First Readings.

Resolution 05-11 to state that the Bexley City Council endorses “Operation Bike Helmet” and encourages all bicycle riders, skate boarders and roller skaters to wear bicycle helmets, introduced by Mr. Morison, (Introduced on April 12, 2011)

Mr. Morison said now that a bike helmet law is in effect in the City of Bexley, he is hoping to announce a coloring contest and this Resolution of approval of “Operation Bike Helmet”. This program will be to encourage the use of bike helmets to prevent brain injuries and serious bike accidents.

The Safety Committee voted to recommend passage of Resolution 05-11 to City Council.

New Business: None.

Other Business: Mr. Masser said further discussion of school safety issues needed to be discussed. He asked Ms. Maynard to schedule a public meeting with the Bexley School Board and City Council. The residents will be encouraged to attend to discuss all school areas and any safety concerns. Mr. Sharp asked if it was possible once the Piada restaurant opens, to have a parking control officer or cruiser present at the beginning of the lunch hour for the children. This would help with traffic having an officer visible in the area. Mayor Brennan agreed and said we will need an officer but if they receive another call, they would have to leave to handle that priority first. Mayor Brennan said Piada is supposed to open in mid-May. Mr. Sharp said the opening will be near the time of year when walking field trips to Johnson's Ice Cream or the library take place.

Mr. Masser asked if the police patrol all three elementary schools. He doesn't want them to think it was increased due to a problem. Mr. Masser said he will be inviting comments about all of the schools including Cassingham, Montrose and Maryland. He thinks each school should have the same opportunity to meet with Council and the School Board regarding any safety concerns. He will plan the meeting for a different evening from regular City Council to allow more time for focus on this issue.

Mr. Sharp asked if there was research done on the school zone signs. Chief Rinehart said we currently have three of the "speed" reading signs. Mr. Sharp said he believes it may be a financial responsibility of the city to provide signs but flashers are not included. Any flashing signs would be the cost of the school. It appears the district must bear the expense of the additional signage.

Chief Rinehart stated Ohio law does not go by flashing light or signs. His opinion is a sign which states, "School Zone 20 mph" is the most effective of all options. Mr. Masser agreed to wait and check out the legal requirements. Mr. Chodosh said the Montrose location is near the US Route so it may differ from the normal prospective. He said localities do have the right to protect their own as well.

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