

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Safety Committee meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on September 1, 2020 with Councilwoman Presot presiding.

Present at roll call:	Councilmen:	Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Police Chief:	Meade
	Engineer:	Henry
	Asst. Chief:	Lasky

This meeting is to discuss barriers along the road by the concession stand to alleviate people in the road.

- Ms. Kovar sent council a drawing of what type of barrier she would like to see.
- Mrs. Presot said she was not aware of anyone getting hit, the ball diamond is lit and there is congestion between games.
- Mr. Lahiff is concerned that a barrier will cause additional problems because a child may not be seen in the area.
- Mr. Blados agrees that if a child was in line with the barrier it could make them invisible.
- Mr. Lasky said there is a crosswalk and parents should be responsible for their children.
- Mr. Walsh said it was a problem to get a lighted "stop" sign let alone a barrier. He agrees with Mr. Lasky that it's up to the parents to watch their kids.
- Mr. Blados suggested that there be a police presence for the 15 minutes between games to insure that people stop at the stop sign.
- Mr. Walsh said that the park patrol should be scheduled to sit there at the time of the game changes and Mr. Blados said they do sit there with the lights on and they still go through the stop sign without stopping. That's why he feels a patrol car there would deter the stop sign violators.
- Mrs. Presot said that the Women's Service Club has their grill right at the door and people tend to walk around the grill...in the street...to avoid the hot grill. Maybe the grill should be pulled around to the back of the building to alleviate people walking in the road.
- Asst. Chief Lasky said that he is concerned that putting up barricades will not stop kids from crossing the street. He is more concerned with a senior citizen pulling out of the parking lot and stepping on the gas and crossing over the road into the people sitting behind the backstop.
- Mr. Blados said the problem is getting drivers to stop and the stop sign and obey the speed limit.
- Asst. Chief Lasky suggested additional speed bumps because that would slow drivers down and could eliminate motorcycles from coming down the hill.
- Mr. Blados suggested "speed tables" and Mr. Henry said that unfortunately he can't get the grading on the hill to work for that. He suggested a curb to define the road from "no man's land" in that area. A curb could be put in and a white line painted to let drivers know where the road side ends. He also suggested additional removable speed bumps but make them longer so drivers can't go around them.
- Mr. Henry said they could delineate the crosswalk with a "pedestrian crossing" sign. Right now there is a stop sign and there is no clear signage letting driver's know that it is a crossing area. He suggested a "quick curb" from stop sign to stop sign along the dugout side and the cost would be between \$5,000 and \$7,000 depending on the work.
- Chief Meade said he agrees with everything being discussed but he would suggest painting the line yellow to draw attention to it and asked that the crosswalk be painted every year to illuminate it.

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- Mayor Procuk asked if council is interested in purchasing additional speed bumps and possibly putting a crossing guard there during games because the special and the police cannot be there at all times.
- Mr. Lasky asked that they also look at the cost of the barriers and who would install them.
- Asst. Chief Lasky said that the bollards are about \$70 each plus the concrete and installation.
- Mrs. Presot would like to see the bollards behind the backstop and on the other side of the road as well.
- Mr. Henry asked about the emergency vehicle access around the concession stand and Chief Stefanko answered that they usually stay on the road.
- Mr. Henry then said that putting in bollards is probably the least expensive route to take.
- Mayor Procuk said these are all good ideas and that Mrs. Presot should call another meeting to make the decisions.
- Mr. Lasky said that if we have a cement truck at the park to put in the bollards he would like to see a sidewalk put in to get from the parking to the handicap equipment.
- Mrs. Presot asked Mr. Henry to put together some prices for this work and Mr. Lasky said he feels we are capable of doing this in-house.

Councilwoman Presot asked if there was any other business to discuss at the Safety Committee meeting. If there is no further business the meeting is adjourned



Jennifer Presot, Committee Chairwoman