

Health, Education, Welfare committee

Minutes of 1/28/2015, 4:30PM

Attending: Natalie Wolf (chair), Tom Muething (committee member), Ed Hattenbach (committee member), Bill Doering, Ray Warren, Peg Conway, Kathie Kraemer, Cathy Bowers, David Mabo, Laura Kamesar, Jane Murphy (residents), Village Mgr Scot Lahrmer, Wes Brown, Tony Chesney, Brian Blum (police and maintenance staff)

The meeting was called to order by Natalie Wolf at 4:37PM. Tom Muething moved to approve the minutes from October 13th, 2014. Ed Hattenbach seconded and the minutes were accepted.

The first order of business was review of the previous committee recommendations.

- 80 reflective belts were purchased
- Crosswalk signage and thermoseal was used to upgrade the crosswalk at Section Rd and spinners were added to the signs
- Reflective crosswalk signage that was recommended for Losantiville School at Meadowridge was not ordered. Scot Lahrmer will report back with the reason.
- "Radar Patrolled" signs have been ordered but not yet installed.
- Two Digital speed indicators are being rotated among the residential neighborhoods
- "Peds Walk Facing Traffic" template has been ordered.

The next order of business was to identify other areas that the village should focus on next in order to reduce driver speed and improve pedestrian safety. The committee recommended that staff review and present options for reducing speed on:

- Longer streets, such as Elbrook and Rollman Estates Dr., Sagamore
- Cut through streets, such as Fairhaven
- ~~Crossing Ridge at Longmeadow and Appleridge~~ **REMOVED ON CORRECTION 3/24/15**

Speed humps were discussed. Wes Brown indicated that unlike Cincinnati, Amberley's maintenance vehicles are not designed to safely drive over speed humps without causing damage to the vehicle. As an alternative to speed humps, rumble strips and additional stop signs were suggested.

Finally, residents presented input on safety to the committee. Cathy Bowers lives at the corner of Section and Elbrook. She suggested that the lack of adequate (any) lighting at the crosswalk where a pedestrian was recently hit, as well as the timing of the traffic lights (pedestrian "walk" and driver green occur simultaneously) add to the degree of danger.

It was suggested that when streets are improved, that they be widened and bike lanes added.

Staff indicated that each time a street improvement is reviewed; they are now reviewing potential improvements to pedestrian safety.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (NRW)