

Safety and Welfare Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 16, 2023

6:30pm Village Offices

The Safety and Welfare Committee met Wednesday, August 16, 2023. In attendance were Committee Members Jody Donsbach, Louise Estep and Rick Tolles, Mayor John Berry, Village Administrator Chad Beyer, Council Person Lynn Sylvain, along with Grand Rapids Residents Carole Sarkan and Kathy Wieging.

Agenda items included:

Speed Limits on Route 65 (both Eastbound and Westbound) along with Wapakoneta Rd.

- Committee members discussed possibly adding more digital speed signs (approximately \$3500 a sign, as well as putting one on Bridge Street in the summer months to curb the speeding near the swimming pool and ball diamonds.

Speed Limits on Third Street by the Care Center

- There are a couple of residents who travel on motorized scooters and have voiced concerns regarding people speeding in that area. The committee discussed possible signage to aid in people slowing down and being more aware of their surroundings.

Sign Proposal for village entrances that address speed and noise concerns.

- Village residents voiced concerns about the noise levels in town. Committee members began to discuss the signs and where they should be placed. Carole Sarkan would like to see a sign placed right across the street from her house. Jody Donsbach would like to see tourists be welcomed into town (regardless of their mode of transportation and noise level). Louise Estep also empathized with residents about noise levels and relayed a story regarding noise issues in her neighborhood. In the midst of having a quality conversation, Jody Donsbach noticed that Council Person Sylvain was holding her phone up and video recording the meeting. Council Person Sylvain was asked by Committee Chairperson Jody Donsbach to stop video recording, as it was very distracting. Sylvain was asked to use a voice memo feature on her phone instead of video recording or at a minimum put her phone down on the table, either of which would've still provided her with an audio recording of the meeting. She refused to comply with the request. Committee Chairperson Donsbach adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Donsbach

Grand Rapids Village Council Safety and Welfare Committee Chairperson