

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Approved Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

1. Chair Carol Barford **called the meeting to order** at 3:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Committee members present were Ms. Barford, Jim Rogers, Bill Muehl, Dietmar Bassuner, Jeremy Tunis, and Nadeem Afghan. Cara Silverman was excused. Also present was resident Mark Staff, Administrator Sharon Eveland, Police Lieutenant Jaime Weitzel, and Administrative Services Manager David Sykes.
3. Ms. Eveland confirmed the meeting was properly posted in **compliance with open meeting law**.
4. **Approve previous meeting minutes:** The minutes from the November 11, 2021 were not available. No action taken.
5. **Discussion of possible camera installation at McKenna Park Boathouse**

Ms. Barford introduced the topic which was referred to the Committee by the Board of Trustees. The initial estimated cost of a camera system is ~\$10,000. A grant is available for \$7,000 to reduce the cost. Ongoing cost of \$150/month for connectivity. At the Board meeting the discussion centered around the appropriateness of surveillance at the McKenna Boathouse vs. the ongoing noise complaints, parties, drinking/drug use during the summer and at other times of the year.

Lt. Weitzel provided information related to the police calls at the Boathouse. A significant number of calls out of the total calls for police service are related to the Boathouse. There have been many noise complaints from neighbors. It has become a common place for young people to drink, use drugs and gather well after the park's closing time. The police department has been dealing with the problem over the past 2-3 years and consider it a life safety issue.

Ms. Eveland reported on the camera system. It would be a live feed to benefit officer responding to the area. It would allow the officer to get an idea of what they will be walking into. She indicated concerns about officers looking at the cameras for inappropriate purposes are unfounded. The police department has developed a written policy for camera use that will be provided to the Committee for review.

Committee members expressed their concern that what has been done in the past is not working to curtail the groups gathering at McKenna Park. Some are concerned about the Village's liability and protecting the individuals that are partying in the park from injuring themselves. Most support the use of cameras with a standard operating procedure to ensure they are used appropriately.

Mark Staff, 3426 Lake Mendota Drive, has lived in the area since 2016 and has witnessed the noise and parties. They occur on a weekly basis.

Ms. Barford asked Lt. Weitzel to describe the large party incident from last summer where about 100 people were in the park after hours. It was a safety issue for the lone Shorewood Hills officer to respond. As young people were leaving the scene, some were trampled and injured by other.

The Committee decided to table the issue until the background material could be provided to the Committee. They will reconvene the following week to continue the discussion.

6. **Submission of topics for next meeting** included a proposed no idling ordinance; Village entry cameras to monitor vehicles entering/exiting the Village at late hours to address the residential break-ins (provide the Police with technology to assist investigation); Police, Fire and EMS summary reports for the Committee's review; a philosophy or policy on the use of cameras in the Village; and upgrades to security/safety at the McKenna Boathouse besides installation of cameras (i.e. lighting).
7. **Set regular meeting date:** The Committee decided to meet on Wednesday, June 8 at 5:30 pm to continue the camera discussion and possibly make a recommendation to the Board. Staff will review the meeting calendar to suggest some other possible days of the month for a regular meeting date.
8. Mr. Muehl moved and Mr. Tunis seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote of 6-0 in favor of **adjourning the meeting** at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Manager