

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Approved Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

1. Chair Carol Barford called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Roll call: Committee members present were Ms. Barford, Dietmar Bassuner, Bill Muehl, Jeremy Tunis, Jim Rogers and Cara Silverman. Nadeem Afghan was excused. Also present was Lt. Jaime Weitzel and Administrative Services Manager David Sykes.
3. Note compliance with open meeting law: Mr. Sykes confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.
4. Approve previous meeting minutes: Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Bassuner seconded a motion to approve the November 11, 2021 and May 31, 2022 minutes with a minor change to the November 11, 2021 minutes.
Vote: 6-0 (approved).
5. Discussion and possible recommendation on camera installation at McKenna Park Boathouse
Lt. Weitzel advised the Committee on three additional calls of significance at McKenna Park since the May 31, 2022 PHS meeting. They involved drinking, drug use and young people partying. If not for the officer's intervention, at least one of the incidents could have resulted in a death. She added that since school is out now, the police department expects more calls to the park.
Mr. Rogers made a motion to recommend to the Board that an overall Municipal Camera Surveillance Use ordinance be created, including but not limited to intended areas for use, viewing and retention, before camera use is approved.
The motion failed for lack of a second and it was postponed indefinitely.
Mr. Tunis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bassuner, to recommend to the Board the installation of cameras for McKenna Park as recommended by staff.
During the discussion of the motion, Mr. Muehl expressed concern about the cost, lighting in the park and the ability of officers being able to access the video from their squad cars.
Mr. Bassuner said he feels it is a life-safety issue, given the reports from the police department. It will be another tool for police to use when responding to calls from the park.
Ms. Silverman said she sees both sides of the issue. She understands the safety concerns and as a parent of young children, she is concerned about access to video of young people in the park.
The Committee made some slight modifications to the original motion that were agreeable to Mr. Tunis and Mr. Bassuner. The final motion reads as follows: The PHS Committee recommends the Board make purchase of cameras for McKenna Park as recommended by staff and Village President Benforado.
Vote: 5-1 (approved, Mr. Rogers voting no).

Mr. Rogers made a separate motion, seconded by Mr. Muehl, recommending to the Board, with the cooperation of the Police Department, that an overall Municipal Surveillance Use Policy be created, including but not limited to intended areas for use, viewing and retention, before camera use is approved (not concomitant with the McKenna Park cameras). Mr. Rogers indicated the ACLU has information and templates available to ensure fair and equitable use of cameras (<https://www.aclu.org/other/whats-wrong-public-video-surveillance>).

Some members of the Committee were not comfortable with this motion at this time as it may detract from the Board's consideration of the proposed McKenna Park cameras. Ms. Barford felt that it would be prudent to understand better which parts of surveillance policy would be internal police matters, and which would be subject to the Village policy as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Bassuner moved, seconded by Mr. Muehl, to postpone this motion indefinitely. Vote: 4-2 (approved, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Muehl voting no).

The Committee agreed that Ms. Barford will bring the discussion of a comprehensive video surveillance policy to the Board in her report from the PHS committee.

6. Set regular meeting date: Tentatively set a regular meeting date of the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
7. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Muehl, seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm.
Vote: 6-0 (approved).

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Manager