

**The Village of Middlefield
Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 23, 2015**

The Village of Middlefield's Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Carl Hofstetter and Mr. Bill Blue.

Also present: Police Chief Tucholski, Mayor Ben Garlich, and Administrator Dan Weir,

Agenda: Library Crosswalk and Thompson Avenue Crosswalks.

Minutes of June 25, 2015 were presented for approval. Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (3).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Feral Cats – Status:** Ms. Miller is currently working in another community. Would like to trap on Sperry but the resident will not let Ms. Miller trap the cats on her property.
2. **Splash Park Issues:** Mr. Hornung stated that things got out of control at the Splash Park a couple days ago. A resident got into an altercation with a younger woman who was going to hand out 200 water balloons to the kids and the resident requested that this not be done. Discussed that on the sign of "Don'ts" it should be add that "No Water Balloons Allowed". Discussed installing a sign that states that this park is for Village residents and employees that work in the village. Discussed options of handling when buses are in the parking lot. Mr. Blue stated that maybe there should be a ratio of kids to adults. Discussed possible ratio numbers. Suggested one adult to every 5 children. Need a sign that states that the area is on surveillance. Discussed having arrows painted on the parking lots to show where the overflow parking lot is located.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Department – General Discussion on Department Issues:** The new car is in and has the decals installed. The car has been put into the rotation for officers. The new computer are in for the cars; two have been installed. The computers are much quicker and the air cards are internal. Discussion regarding the new website and the pages. Working with a possible new officer Gino Notarian from Chesterland. Very eager to learn; getting all the testing done.
2. **Library Crosswalk:** Mr. Hofstetter stated that this area is really dangerous and kids are using this as a crossing to go to the library. Mr. Hofstetter stated that maybe put up "No Trespassing" signs on the properties on the end of Hillcrest. Currently the kids are cutting through backyards. Discussed why the kids are going to the library. Chief Tucholski will talk with the maintenance guys from the school about getting the sign installed.
3. **Thompson Avenue:** Chief Tucholski stated that the department has had several issues with on street parking. Would like to make N. Thompson a "No Parking

Anytime" Monday through Friday. Have had many issues with residents parking on the street. This would need to be done with an Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.