

Public Safety Committee Meeting
April 23, 2015

Meeting began at 6:30pm.

Attendance: Ed Meier, Jim Christian, John Koester, Bob Smith, Andrew Fields, Barbara West, Jeff Lofton, Alderman Willis Dillworth, Corporal Bollinger

Review of Police Reports:

Discussion of the monthly police reports. Inquiry about why calls are down and offenses are up. Corporal Bollinger stated that when service is initiated by an officer, it is not considered a call for service. There was discussion about the posts of "shots fired" on Nextdoor Bellefontaine. Corporal Bollinger stated that many of these are out of Bellefontaine Neighbors jurisdiction. Reports are only made when shell casings or physical evidence is found within the city.

Activities for Children When School is Out:

Discussion about activities for children this summer and plans of the Youth Commission and the Mathews-Dickey fields. Some of the police officers may be helping with the coaching. Questions were asked about police patrols with the additional youth presence in the city and if Mathews-Dickey has private security for events. Committee recommended that the Board of Aldermen consider some type of plan for increased or heightened security during these events.

New Business:

Discussion about speed bumps in the city. Fire Department is against speed bumps as it is a hindrance for their vehicles. It was also stated that it could slow down emergency response vehicles and create problems for snowplows in the winter.

CERT Training was discussed by Bob Smith. Training would probably be in Riverview or Bellefontaine Neighbors. At least 10 people would need to attend and there is a time commitment of a whole weekend for participants. Those interested can sign up at the Rec Center or Firehouse. It was recommended there be a posting on Nextdoor Bellefontaine and the city web site about the training.

Minutes of each meeting need to be sent to each member. Ed Meier collected email addresses of the members.

Discussion of nuisance property ordinance. Does the city have one? If so, the committee would like to review it. Twelve copies are needed for the next meeting.

Congratulations and good-bye to Alderman Dillworth upon announcing his resignation from the Board of Alderman.

Motion to adjourn at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Christian
Acting Secretary