**PARKING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**
**MOTION SUMMARY**
**May 18, 2015**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Shafer called the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Chris Jones, Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Keller, and Chairman Kent Shafer

Staff Present: Linda Mathews (Customer Service Liaison), Bruce Pijanowski, (Police Chief), Matt Weber, (Assistant City Engineer), and Jessica Ormeroid, (Project Engineer)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 16, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 16, 2015, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Penny Schmitthenner
70 W. Lincoln Ave.
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Schmitthenner voiced her concern regarding the inconsistency of the pedestrian crossing signals to cross Sandusky Street from William Street to Central Avenue, with emphasis at Winter Street. Ms. Schmitthenner stated that the signal buttons for the cross walks at Winter Street are not close enough to the corner.

Mr. Weber explained the need for signal operation and timing needs. Mr. Weber will prepare a written response to Ms. Schmitthenner's concerns.

Ms. Schmitthenner voiced her concern over the increase of parking tickets from $3.00 to the projected $7.00 and recommended that the increase be only to $5.00.

Ms. Schmitthenner questioned why the parking spaces throughout the downtown area are not consistent in length.

Ms. Ormeroid explained that usually end spots are smaller as vehicles are able to pull directly in.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION

A. The removal or revision of parking restrictions on Coal Train Court in the Carson Farms Subdivision.

Chief Pijanowski reviewed the current parking restrictions on Coal Train Court and provided an aerial photograph of the cul-de-sac.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Imelda Cauley
423 Coal Train Court
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Cauley pointed the location of her property on the map provided stating that the current restrictions have prevented her driveway and mailbox from being blocked and the concern that there is not much area to provide additional parking except by the bike path.

Mr. Weber reviewed staff recommendations and acknowledged Ms. Cauley's concerns. A discussion was on current parking restrictions and the potential to increase parking past the bike path only.

Shane Meade
242 Lofton Circle
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Meade requested the dimensions of the road. Mr. Weber provided this information to Mr. Meade.

**Motion:** Chairman Shafer moved to permit parking on the north side of Coal Train Court from the bike path to the first driveway, and from the south side of Coal Train Court from the bike path to the first driveway, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Keller. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

B. Parking restrictions at 143 Niatross Place

Chief Pijanowski received the request by Delaware City Schools due to difficulty navigating the turn by the bus drivers. Chief Pijanowski received two responses from residents regarding the potential restrictions. Chief Pijanowski explained that one resident was in favor of the restrictions and one resident was not in favor. Chief Pijanowski reviewed support from the police department on the restrictions.

**Motion:** Mr. Jones moved to approve parking restrictions at 143 Niatross Place as recommended by staff and Chief Pijanowski. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

C. The installation of a multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Cobblestone Drive and Hayfield Drive and the discussion of speeding vehicles on Cobblestone Drive.

Chief Pijanowski presented an aerial map of the layout of the Carson Farms Sub Division. Chief Pijanowski discussed the area of concerns by residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Chris Johanson
486 Cobblestone Drive
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Johanson demonstrated on the map, the location of his property and stated his concerns of the continuous problem of speeding and increased destruction caused by the speed. Mr. Johanson voiced concern of the dangers of children crossing the street and that a neighbor's dog was recently hit by a car. Mr. Johanson discussed the need for speed bumps or stop signs to assist in slowing down vehicles.

Mr. Weber reviewed the results of studies that indicate that stop signs are not always effective as they cause increased noise, nuisance to residents with the acceleration of cars and that drivers will increase speed to make up for time lost from stopping. Mr. Weber presented other options available such as enhanced pavement parking and curve bump outs.

Chief Pijanowski stated that Fire Chief Donahue should be included in the discussion in regards to speed bumps. A discussion was held on the negative use of speed bumps to fire equipment with increased wear and tear and the reduced response time.

Mr. Johanson requested from Chief Pijanowski the data of speeding tickets issued on Cobblestone Drive.

Jamie Bell
480 Cobblestone Drive
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Bell discussed past efforts that residents have done to provide awareness to drivers to slow down. Ms. Bell relayed her multiple experiences of almost being side swiped.

Mr. Weber discussed the use of interactive speed signs that are used in other

communities to display the vehicle speed. Mr. Weber explained that the signs have a cost to install and maintain and that there are instances where the solar panels are stolen. Vice-Chairwoman Keller requested an estimate on the cost of an interactive sign and how many are estimated to be needed. Ms. Ormeroid recommended that if interactive signs are used that two signs are used with the potential for up to four. Ms. Ormeroid explained each sign is approximately $2,000 for purchase.

Chairman Shafer recommended that staff provide a presentation on various options to aid in the reduction of speed of vehicles. A discussion was on the policy to have stop signs installed and the need for 75% of resident's signatures.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to approach City Council to waive the policy for signatures to place a multi-way stop sign on Cobblestone Drive and Carson Farms Blvd., seconded by Mr. Jones.

A discussion was held on the need for staff to assess best locations for a stop sign.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Keller moved to amend her motion and request that City Council waive the policy for signatures to place a multi-way stop sign at locations recommended by the Engineering Department, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

D. The removal of "No Parking" signage on designated areas of Lofton Circle.

Mr. Weber discussed the request by Mr. Shane Meade. Mr. Weber reviewed the street dimensions and that there are inconsistencies throughout the subdivision with the same width dimensions as Lofton Circle. Mr. Weber informed the Committee that after the request the fire department provided a drive through to determine the ability of access for the fire truck with vehicles parked on both side. Mr. Weber provided a video of the fire truck accessing Lofton Circle. Mr. Weber stated that Chief Donahue voiced a concern over removing the "No Parking" signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Shane Meade
242 Lofton Circle
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Meade voiced a concern of residents on Lofton Circle are fighting over who is able to park where. Mr. Meade voiced a concern over the inconsistencies of parking restrictions on streets that are similar and recommended if able to restrict parking around the curves of the street only.

Mr. Weber stated that the overall recommendation is to leave the restrictions as it is but can have further conversation with staff on the restriction of parking at the curves only. The Parking and Safety Committee members are in agreement to have staff make recommendation straight to City Council.

ITEM 5. Renergy Public Parking Spaces

APPLICANTS:
Alex Ringler, Renergy Chief Executive Officer
461 State Route 61
Marengo, Ohio

Mike Oberfield, Renergy Chief Operating Officer
461 State Route 61
Marengo, Ohio

Mr. Ringler provided information on alternative energy with the use of compressed natural gas and alternative fueling centers. Mr. Ringler discussed the interest in working with the City of Delaware to create transportation utilization of electric cars with charging stations and a focus on alternative energy.

Mr. Oberfield discussed the interest in promoting a green community and be more energy efficient. Mr. Oberfield indicated the need for parking spaces to utilize as a charging station.

The Committee members discussed the concern of reducing parking spaces in the downtown area but voiced support for alternative energy use. Chairman Shafer recommended that Renergy provide a proposal of their plans and needs to present to City Council.

ITEM 6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Kent Shafer, Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk