

Minutes
Safety Committee meeting
August 13, 2026
5:30pm

In attendance:

David Phares – Chairman

Charlie Malta – Councilman

Devon McFarland - Councilman

Theresa Bisbee - Councilwoman

Monica Koudela - Council President

Mandy Gwartz - Law Director

Natalie Antosh - Councilwoman

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman Phares.

Agenda items were taken out of order. Beekeeping was addressed first.

Chairman Phares gave a brief explanation about beekeeping being prohibited. Resident Bob White of 30301 Wellner Drive came to the podium and spoke on the benefits of beekeeping and why he would like to see it allowed again.

Councilman Malta referred back to 1989 and was on the committee that talked about beekeeping. A resident at 392 Divot Drive had bees but there was a complaint from a neighbor and Council chose to prohibit it. He feels that they should be allowed, though.

Councilman McFarland feels that with the advent of modern beekeeping and the fact that people that want to have this hobby are the types to follow the rules and keep things clean, he feels it will benefit the city to allow it.

Councilwoman Antosh stated that this was discussed during the Regovich administration but she feels that we are too close to allow it.

Law Director Gwartz brought up Euclid and Wickliffe rules for beekeeping as a reference.

The speaker from the Lake County Humane Society did not show so we moved ahead with our discussion on animal shelter.

Chairman Phares spoke about the Weather Service heat and cold warnings.

Resident Terri Picarcik mentioned that our laws are based on Ohio law but they are outdated and that is why they need to be updated on the local level.

She would like to see more specific language regarding temperatures.

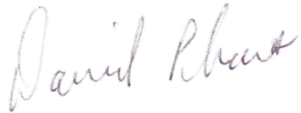
Law Director Gwartz read the temperature usage from Lakewood and how it applies to any weather advisory that would put the rule into effect. This includes wind, smoke etc.

Terri Pikarcik brought up tethering and how it should include fenced-in yards. She also mentioned a time rule as to when pets are allowed to be kept outside.

Law Director Gwartz stated that the 10pm to 6am rule is already in our ordinance as is the weather advisory rule.

The one thing we need to add is the tethering for fenced-in yards and then it will go to Council for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

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