

VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 14, 2015

Members present: Evans, Newell
Also present: Himes, Brosius, Muscenti, Subel, Byron, Lannon, Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY REVIEW

The pedestrian safety report reviewed pedestrian incident reports in the downtown area to look for patterns. There were more incidents at intersections than at mid block crosswalks. The intersections include Main Street/East Washington Street, Main Street/West Washington Street, Main Street/Bell Street, and Main Street/Orange Street. Vehicles turning left seem to be more of a danger to pedestrians in crosswalks. There was investigation into a potential “pedestrian only” phase in the signal. Depending on conditions, the pedestrian will hit the button that will make the system aware that there is a pedestrian waiting and then a pedestrian signal will come on allowing the pedestrian to get a head start, of some range of 10-15 seconds ideally, to get more than halfway across the intersection and then allowing the vehicles to start moving. The primary issues with that is the timing and potential traffic backups. Reconfiguring River Street to “one way” west bound was discussed. A crosswalk has been installed on West Orange Street at West Street to improve pedestrian safety.

NORTH STREET UPDATE

The contractor is a couple of weeks behind schedule. They have finished removing all of the base concrete and they are installing the aggregate base for the new road.

MILL STREET UPDATE

There is a design/build contract and the road should be open by the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Janis Evans, Chairman
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