



**13600 Juneau Boulevard
Elm Grove, WI 53122**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, October 20, 2025 * 6:30 PM * Reinders Room**

DRAFT MINUTES

10/20/2025 - Minutes

1. Call meeting to order.

Trustee Sayas called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll call.

Present: Chair Trustee Sayas, Trustee Hillmann, Trustee Castile, Committee Members Oliveri, Danielson, and Decker

Also present: Police Chief Hennen

3. Public comments on any subject without any action, except possible referral to a governmental body or staff member.

Lauren Kahle, 1670 Lindhurst Dr., Elm Grove, appeared in person to express concerns about parking on Lindhurst Dr. during school drop-off and pick-up hours. She has four children under five and described the challenges prior to the temporary no parking signs, including cars blocking driveways, parents slow-rolling stop signs, and using the island as a makeshift parking lot. The parking made it less safe for residents in the area to walk because the excessive number of cars forced them into the middle of the road. She stated that some vehicles have now parked farther down the road toward Oakhurst Dr. Kahle requested that the signs be made permanent. Public comment was closed at 6:43 p.m.

4. Review and approve minutes.

Motion by Mr. Danielson to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025, meeting, seconded by Mr. Oliveri.

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5. Review and discuss considerations for permanent no parking signs on Lindhurst Dr

The Chief provided a brief background and overview regarding the considerations for permanent no parking signs on Lindhurst Drive. He indicated that following the pathway installation on Underwood River Parkway, where the parent drop-off and pick-up line is located, temporary no parking signs were placed on Lindhurst Drive to alleviate concerns about parents and students crossing Legion Drive during drop-off and pick-up times where no crosswalk exists and traffic volume is high.

The Chief stated that he received positive feedback from residents while installing the signs, as well as numerous emails in support of making the signs permanent. He noted that he received correspondence from residents Lauren Kahle, 1690 Lindhurst Drive; McKenzie Gobis, 1610 Lindhurst Drive; and Nikita Hartnett, 1670 Lindhurst Court. He also received correspondence from Kristin Olson, Principal of Tonawanda Elementary School, who expressed support for making the signs permanent. The Chief stated that, in response to complaints, officers have conducted extra patrols and issued parking citations as a result of noncompliance. Residents were encouraged to contact dispatch if vehicles continue to violate the signage. At times, residents have even provided photographs to assist in enforcement efforts.

The Chief further stated that the volume of foot traffic resulting from parents parking and walking their children to school, instead of using the parent drop-off line, has been significantly reduced as a result of the signage, improving overall safety. He explained that he has worked with school security staff to evaluate the parent drop-off lines and to make improvements to both safety and efficiency. There has been no indication of any traffic concerns related to parent drop-off or pick-up at the school, and both the Chief and school administration prefer that parents use the parent pick-up line or busing to enhance safety and efficiency during peak times.

The Chief also reported that he visited other schools that implemented no parking signs due to similar public safety concerns and observed a variety of signage types, including simple no parking signs, no parking on school days, and no parking between specified morning and afternoon times. The Chief noted that while he was sympathetic to residents concerned about cars parking on their grass and causing lawn damage, which was feedback received from some residents, the primary focus of the sign discussion remains public safety. He explained that the concerns regarding this location and the decision to make the signs permanent before removing the temporary signs were presented for the Committee's review.

Mr. Oliveri was in favor of keeping the signs and supported the idea of designating no parking on school days. He expressed concern that a simple no parking designation might unnecessarily restrict parking for special occasions, such as private events or gatherings. Trustee Sayess agreed with Mr. Oliveri and also felt that limiting parking during specific times would be most appropriate. Mr. Danielson suggested that the signage should be more specific, such as indicating no parking Monday through Friday during designated morning and afternoon hours. Trustee Sayas agreed that no parking on school days with posted hours would be the best approach. Trustee Hillman noted that the approach should balance safety concerns with flexibility for residents.

Discussion ensued regarding the various no parking sign options. Mr. Oliveri made a motion to make the signs permanent, with signage indicating no parking on school days during specific times for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Trustee Hillman seconded the motion at 6:59 p.m. The motion was then amended. Mr. Oliveri amended the motion to make the signs permanent on Lindhurst Drive from Legion Drive to Oakhurst Avenue, and to include Lindhurst Court. Trustee Hillmann seconded the amended motion.

6. Other business.

Trustee Sayas requested that Chief Hennen provide feedback regarding student drop-off and pick-up at St. Mary's School. Chief Hennen stated that the department has increased its presence at the school to enhance both pedestrian and overall school safety.

The Chief explained that, given the crosswalks and sidewalks in place near and around St. Mary's, along with existing traffic and pedestrian signals and crosswalk sandwich boards, there have not been any significant safety concerns related to pedestrian crossings. He stated that he received complaints from residents on Crescent Drive regarding speeding vehicles, and traffic studies were completed along with increased patrol efforts.

The Chief noted that while concerns about vehicle speeds were not supported by the traffic study data, during times when students are present—and the 15-mile-per-hour school zone limit is in effect—some vehicles continue to travel closer to the regular 25-mile-per-hour limit. He stated that officers have increased enforcement efforts

related to school zone speed violations. Chief Hennen further stated that when pedestrian crosswalk or school bus violations occur, the department takes firm enforcement action to promote future compliance.

7. Adjournment.

Motion by Mr. Oliveri, seconded by Trustee Castile, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.