

## Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2025

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, Sept 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Bob Haycox (Chair)	Sandy Batcheller
	Rosemarie Fabrizio	Gerald Kasunic
	Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein	Patti Ferris
	Robert Gessner	Lorry Nadeau
	Joanna McNally	Monica Syracuse

<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Maureen Washock	Mark Granakis
	Sara Calo	Miki Steigerwald

**Also Present:** Jennifer Juncisek, Council Representative  
Peter Gall, Council Representative  
Steve Schutt, Council Alternate  
Peter Batcheller, Resident  
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Haycox called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from June 30, 2025, and the minutes were approved as written.

### **Council Report**

Mr. Haycox advised that Mrs. Juncisek needs to leave the meeting early this evening, so we will go out of agenda order and hear the Council Report first.

Mrs. Juncisek gave the following report:

- The proposed changes to the Charter, as a result of this year's Charter Review Commission, will be on the ballot on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Also on the ballot is Council member Mark Arndt, who is up for re-election in Ward 2. Of the At-Large Council representatives, Steve Schutt is running for re-election but Al Meyers is not. Mike Girbino is running for that position as a write-in candidate. Mrs. Juncisek said that she has received some questions from residents about what to do as they have not seen a write-in candidate before. She provided a sample ballot and described that voters should fill in the circle on the ballot and write the candidate's name on the line.

- Fall leave collection by the Service Department will begin on October 13. As in past years, they will be following a regular route and will get to all streets each week.
- The Village is hosting a Senior Fair tomorrow at the Community Room from 4:00-6:30 p.m. All Village departments and some Council members will be there along with other vendors. She invited everyone to attend.
- Mr. Schutt mentioned that Council representative Peter Gall is also running for re-election in Ward 4.
- Mr. Gall added that a mailing on the proposed Charter amendments had gone out to all residents.

### **Introduction of New Police Department Lieutenant and Discussion Regarding Safety Initiatives**

Mr. Haycox introduced Lt. Josh Manypenny from the Mayfield Village Police Department and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Lt. Manypenny thanked the Committee for the invitation and described that he was promoted to the Lieutenant's position this past May. He is the executive officer serving directly under Chief Matias and is the second in command at the Police Department. He described his background with the department, starting as a Patrol Officer in 2010, being promoted to Sergeant, and now serving as the Lieutenant.

Lt. Manypenny stated that he primarily wanted to let the Committee know what the Village is doing regarding utility poles, following a few recent incidents where the poles have failed or caught fire. He described that the Village has had issues over the years, generally on Wilson Mills east of SOM Center Road, due to trees falling on wires, sometimes leaving residents without power for days and causing the road to be closed.

Lt. Manypenny advised that the recent incidents caused Village officials to take the opportunity to sit down with First Energy to make sure they are doing their part. The Village expressed concern about the poles and the trees and asked about required inspections and ways that First Energy could more effectively communicate with first responders.

Lt. Manypenny stated that Dave Conley, who serves as First Energy's Local Engagement Specialist, recently provided some follow-up information and informed the Village of its enhanced inspection procedures. Mr. Conley advised that CEI's pole inspection process involves visual inspections from the groundline to the top of the pole. The dirt around the poles is excavated to expose any external decay at or below ground level. The poles are then hammer-tested from a height of six feet down to the excavation area and bored at ground level to inspect for internal decay. Lastly, poles receive preventative treatments for both internal and external decay.

Lt. Manypenny reported that this enhanced inspection began on Wilson Mills last week. He stated that he was out there and saw them digging around the poles.

Lt. Manypenny advised that Mr. Conley's update informed the Village that vegetation management on Wilson Mills Road from SOM Center to Chagrin Road was last performed in December 2024 as part of the company's regularly scheduled maintenance program. The company's maintenance program prunes vegetation to achieve a 4-year clearance corridor and removes targeted off-corridor Priority Trees (meaning those trees that are dead, dying, diseased, declining, structurally defective, severely leaning, or significantly encroaching on the corridor). In response to the Village's concerns, Mr. Conley stated that the company's forestry team re-patrolled this section of Wilson Mills Road in early September. The company's contractors have already begun work to address several identified Priority Trees and should be completed early next week.

Lt. Manypenny stated that Mr. Conley assured the Village that going forward, this area will continue to be inspected and maintained according to the company's inspection and maintenance programs, including five-year overhead equipment inspections, four-year vegetation management cycles, and ten-year distribution and fifteen-year sub-transmission wood pole inspections.

The Committee was provided with First Energy literature regarding tips for managing through a power outage.

Lt. Manypenny stated that he felt the Village now at least has some assurance that First Energy is being receptive to the Village's concerns and we will continue to keep an eye on things. "Emergencies are taxing on Village services so we are doing what we can to make sure we don't have disruptions."

Mrs. Batcheller asked about transformers catching on fire. Lt. Manypenny responded that sometimes they do fail and catch fire, but he believes this is a fairly random occurrence, stating, "In my experience, when this occurs, First Energy is usually right on it."

Mr. Haycox asked about the last outage where it appeared the pole snapped. Lt. Manypenny agreed and said that one pole went and several others came down with it. There remain questions about whether the pole was rotted at the base or a truck came through and snagged the wires. Lt. Manypenny reiterated that the Village is trying to be proactive to prevent future incidents.

### **Other Matters**

Lt. Manypenny asked if the Committee members had any general questions or comments for him.

Mrs. McNally stated that at the end of Bramblewood, the traffic light no longer seems to be on a timer. Lt. Manypenny responded that he would take a look at it.

Mrs. McNally asked if the Village continues to have issues with garage and car vandalism and theft. Lt. Manypenny advised that this type of crime trends and that vehicle break-ins have subsided. Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked if there is any new type of crime trending. Lt. Manypenny responded that over the summer, auto thefts on Beta Drive became more common. The Police Department made some arrests.

Mr. Haycox asked about drag racing on I-271. Lt. Manypenny advised that the police officers are on I-271 a lot, including using photo enforcement during rush hour. He stated, "We get reports but it's difficult to catch them. Everybody has GPS that tells them if an officer is ahead. The PD is aware and keeping an eye on this."

Mrs. McNally stated that her son received a photo enforcement letter in the mail and asked if points are assessed for the ticket. Lt. Manypenny responded that it is a civil violation and no points are assessed.

Mr. Gessner stated that he wanted to mention that he lives on Wilson Mills where the poles went down and he saw the three poles near his home being inspected.

Mrs. McNally reported that the crosswalk at White Road and SOM is not working properly. Lt. Manypenny stated that he believes that has already been reported, but he will look into it.

Mr. Gessner asked about the flock camera system and if the cameras have been a success. Lt. Manypenny described that the flock cameras read license plates and put information out in real time to officers. "The system monitors and alerts the PD if a person with a warrant passes through, or a missing person, or someone who committed a violent offense. There is a bit of a delay but it has been a valuable investigation tool and I feel that the system works very well. We get access to the entire network and information from other cities." Mrs. Nadeau commented that, with cameras everywhere, it is amazing that people even commit crimes.

Mr. Batcheller stated that it is very dark on Wilson Mills between Chagrin and SOM, near the curve. Mr. Gessner agreed.

Ms. Wolgamuth asked if there are any new scams currently trending. Lt. Manypenny responded that people are receiving fake traffic tickets in the mail. He cautioned, "Before paying a fine, make sure you vet the information and ensure that the ticket is real. Unfortunately, some people go on line and put in their credit card information."

Lt. Manypenny added that the usual calls to the elderly continue, stating that their grandchild is in trouble and they need gift cards. He advised that any requests for gift cards are usually a scam and the IRS doesn't deal in gift cards. Lt. Manypenny added that Cuyahoga County has set up a Scam Squad to try to identify bad actors but it is very difficult to track them.

Mrs. Nadeau thanked the Village for recently sending letters to the Kenwood Gardens neighborhood about split-rail fence repair. She said everyone got the letter and many have repaired or removed their fences. She feels the neighborhood looks much better.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Diane Wolgamuth  
Director of Administration