



## Safety Committee Minutes November 10, 2025

City of Parma Heights  
Safety Committee Minutes  
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**PRESENT:** Committee Chairwoman Lisa Maruschak and member Steve Vanek, Clerk of Council Allen, Law Director Schneider, Safety Director Bova.

**IN THE AUDIENCE:** Council President Rounds and Councilmember DeSouza.

The meeting was called to order on Monday, November 10, 2025 by Chairwoman Maruschak at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Allen called the Roll call: **Vanek, Maruschak**

Maruschak made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2025; Seconded by Vanek

Clerk Allen, Roll Call: **Aye: Maruschak, Vanek**

*Minutes approved*

Chairwoman Maruschak asked if there are any comments or discussion on Chapter 619?

Director Schneider added:

- 1) We updated the local laws with the state laws that have been updated.
- 2) Enforcement of these laws.
- 3) Penalty section that we eliminated but the intent of penalties now in 619.07

Chairwoman Maruschak asked her colleague if he had any questions or concerns? Councilman Vanek agreed with the changes. Chairwoman Maruschak made a motion to move this item to the City Council; Seconded by Vanek.

Clerk Allen, Roll Call: **Aye: Vanek, Maruschak**

*Motion Carried*

Chairwoman Maruschak: Chapter 373: Bicycles and Motorcycles

Discussion was had regarding 373.12

- 1) E-bikes on sidewalks, shared paths, roads
- 2) Director Schneider stated that he knows of no updates at this time, but will keep this committee informed if there are any changes.
  - a) Traffic offenses, ORC 4511.522 could also be reviewed as a misdemeanor or felony criminal matter.
  - b) If city officers make an arrest, it's likely that the state prosecutor would charge under state code.
- 2) Councilman Vanek agrees with Director Schneider
  - a) Most likely juveniles that would be riding these e-bikes
  - b) Other cities that I looked into seem to also be following ORC
  - c) Charges to be filed in Juvenile Court using the state code.
- 3) Director Bova asked to look at 373.08
  - a) Section d seems to be a bit over regulating how many hands must be on the bike.
  - b) Overall agrees with the other comments
  - c) Call the non-emergency when the matter is happening.


Chairwoman Maruschak asked if there are any comments or discussion?

Councilman Vanek added that it's in surprising that as long as bicycles have been in existence that we now need to change the rules because they are motorized for the safety of the rider.

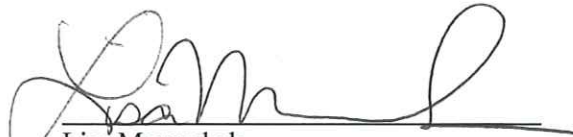
Chairwoman Maruschak added that we will continue this conversation in potentially updating and strengthening our ordinance after doing further research into what surrounding communities are doing in our next committee meeting. If there is nothing further, I'd like to motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Vanek

Council Clerk: Roll Call: **Aye: Maruschak, Vanek**

**Safety Committee meeting is adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**



Barbara Allen  
Clerk of Council

  
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Lisa Maruschak  
Chair, Safety Committee