

Executive Summary: Committee as a Whole Meeting – February 26, 2026

The Committee as a Whole convened on February 26, 2026, with 5 council members and the Mayor present. The meeting focused on three primary areas: Streets, Parks & Recreation, and Legislation. The discussion centered on infrastructure maintenance, park facility planning, personnel confirmation procedures, and potential updates to the village noise ordinance.

1. Streets & Infrastructure

Pothole Repairs

- Two companies were contacted regarding pothole repairs.
- Both advised that immediate repairs would cost approximately **three times more** than waiting several weeks for improved weather conditions.
- Public Works documented pothole locations and submitted photos to contractors.
- Two potholes were patched, including a significant one on East Shore.
- Traffic cones have been placed where necessary for safety.

Key Decision/Direction:

- Delay large-scale repairs to ensure responsible use of taxpayer funds.
- Consider proactively communicating with residents (e.g., via Facebook) to clarify that repairs are planned and not being neglected, emphasizing fiscal stewardship.

Upcoming Meetings

- An MS4 (stormwater) meeting and a dam-area meeting are scheduled for the following week.
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2. Parks & Recreation

Summer Planning & Concessions

- A planning meeting is needed to finalize summer programming.
- Concession stand operations remain undecided.
- Key concerns include:
 - Payroll logistics
 - Staffing decisions (no hiring decisions have been made)
 - Fiscal management

Further internal coordination is required before decisions are finalized.

Pickleball Court Proposal

- A resident inquired again about adding a pickleball court.

- Estimated cost for a standalone court begins at **\$25,000**, potentially higher depending on site preparation.
- The project is not currently budgeted.

Discussion Highlights:

- Consideration of a **convertible option**: painting pickleball lines on the existing basketball court and using temporary nets.
- Noise concerns were raised:
 - Pickleball produces repetitive high-frequency noise that can create nuisance concerns.
 - Some communities have faced sound ordinance issues tied to pickleball courts.
- Flex-use space was viewed as a more prudent approach than committing to a dedicated court.

Additional Issue:

- A broken pipe was discovered at the Tiffany Memorial children's pool.
- The pool may not open until repairs are completed.
- This repair is considered a high priority.

3. Legislation

Police Officer Confirmation

- The council is considering confirmation of an officer following a six-month probationary period.
- The practice of passing confirmations as emergency legislation with one reading was questioned.
- Concern was raised that:
 - Citizens have limited opportunity to comment under emergency passage.
- The reasoning appears tied to:
 - Timing of probation completion.
 - Avoiding gaps between probation expiration and formal confirmation.
- Council plans to clarify the legal rationale with legal counsel.

Snow Emergency Parking Codification

- Discussion regarding codifying sidewalk parking allowances during snow emergencies.
- Concern that formal codification may conflict with federal ADA requirements.

- Preference expressed for discretionary enforcement rather than creating potentially conflicting local law.
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4. Noise Ordinance Review (Major Discussion Topic)

A substantial portion of the meeting focused on whether to revise the village's noise ordinance.

Current Concerns:

- The existing ordinance is considered vague.
- Lack of specificity may make enforcement difficult.
- There are limited defined exceptions (e.g., construction, trash collection).
- No recent citations have been issued, though officers have responded to complaints.

Proposal:

- Review Dublin's recently adopted, more detailed ordinance (drafted by a law firm).
- Their ordinance includes:
 - Specific decibel thresholds (80 dB noted)
 - Clear definitions
 - Property-line measurement standards
 - Enumerated exemptions
 - Defined hours of operation

Enforcement Considerations:

- Police use a decibel meter.
- Most complaints are resolved voluntarily (approximately 99%).
- Citations are rare.
- A more detailed ordinance would:
 - Provide clearer enforcement standards
 - Offer measurable thresholds (e.g., property-line measurement)
 - Establish stronger footing if enforcement becomes necessary
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Forward-Looking Rationale:

- Anticipated commercial redevelopment (e.g., restaurants, outdoor patios, live music).
- Desire to proactively define standards rather than react later.
- Goal is preventative, not reactive.

Consensus Direction:

- Circulate Dublin's ordinance for council review.

- Evaluate enforceability and applicability.
 - Avoid reinventing the wheel if an effective model exists.
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Overall Themes

1. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Delaying pothole repairs to avoid inflated costs; evaluating capital park investments carefully.
2. **Proactive Governance** – Reviewing noise ordinance in anticipation of future development.
3. **Operational Practicality** – Ensuring legislation aligns with enforcement realities and federal law.
4. **Transparency & Communication** – Recognizing the importance of keeping residents informed.
5. **Flexible Planning** – Exploring adaptable park infrastructure rather than single-purpose investments.

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