

CHESHIRE PRISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT
500 HIGHLAND AVENUE
CHESHIRE CT 06410

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Committee Members Present: Representing the Town of Cheshire: Margie Rodgers. From the correctional institutions: Timothy Farrell, John Alves, Bryan Viger, Daniel Murphy, and Glenn Noffsinger. Representing the Cheshire Police Department: Brian Pichnarcik.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Lieutenant Brian Pichnarcik. The assembled body saluted the flag. Lieutenant Pichnarcik welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Acceptance of June 9, 2014 minutes:

MOTION by Lt. Brian Pichnarcik to accept the minutes as presented; SECONDED by Margie Rodgers. VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Cheshire Facilities:

John Alves, Warden of the Manson Youth Institution, reported a census of 526 inmates, which is 30 inmates less than the June 9th meeting. 71 of the inmates are under the age of 18. Staffing levels are good; operations have been normal. There have been no incidents of significance.

Timothy Farrell, new Warden of Cheshire Correctional Institution and Cheshire Annex, reported a census of 1357 inmates. There has been a managerial transition at CCI. Staffing levels are consistent; they are getting approvals to refill vacant positions. Operationally there have been no changes. There have been no incidents of significance. They implemented 19 inmates on non-transitional housing status due to overflow in population.

Glenn Noffsinger, Plant Facility Manager, reported they finished the large project at Manson Youth Institution. The electrical problem at MYI required a new feeder. There are no major projects scheduled.

Daniel Murphy, Deputy Warden of the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development, reported this Wednesday, September 10th, they will be hosting an Academy graduation and open house at the facility from 10:00am-1:00pm. There should be no impact to surrounding area. Another Academy class of cadets will be starting on October 3rd.

Lieutenant Pichnarcik asked about the lockdown last week at CCI. Warden Farrell explained this incident involved an internal counting issue during the AM count on Thursday. There was no breach of security; this was not a walk-away. An inmate was

in another cell within the same housing unit. Staff did set-up stations at points of entry until the inmate was located. There appeared to be a lot of activity at the prison that morning because they were also hosting a function with DOC personnel from around the state.

Lieutenant Pichnarcik asked about the normal notification procedure is in the case of an incident. Warden Farrell responded if there is a breach or possible breach with an identifiable impact to the community, local authorities (ie. Cheshire Police Department) as well as the State Police Troop are notified. They also activate the CT Alert system.

Lieutenant Pichnarcik requested DOC notify CPD if they are hosting an event that will generate a lot of activity. Warden Farrell agreed, and stated he will work with his administrative team to tighten things up communication/notification-wise.

Old Business

Ms. Rodgers toured CCI with Mr. Sanders, including the firing range. She thanked the DOC personnel for the tour of this impressive facility. It was helpful to see the firing range, so she can educate her neighbors about it.

Lieutenant Pichnarcik announced that John O'Reilly will be stepping down from his position as chair and is withdrawing from the Prison Advisory Committee. Lieutenant Pichnarcik will notify Arnett Talbot in the Town Manager's Office about the vacancy.

New Business:

Warden Alves asked when the construction for the linear trail parking lot is to occur. Lieutenant Pichnarcik responded the State is handling the parking lot and linear trail; he does not expect construction to start before next spring. Warden Alves wanted to know how far the trail would be from their facilities. Mr. Noffsinger stated there are hay fields and a tree line between the facilities and the linear trail. They will post signs in the area.

Warden Alves offered to host a Prison Advisory Committee meeting at the Manson Youth Institution. Lieutenant Pichnarcik will follow up with him.

The committee will set the 2015 meeting dates at the next meeting. If anyone committee member has any questions, please contact Lieutenant Pichnarcik.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Lieutenant Pichnarcik; **SECONDED** by Margie Rodgers. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Prison Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:00pm at the Cheshire Police Department.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Kirby
Recording Clerk