

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday June 10th, 2009 6:00 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building

16300 W. National Ave.

Please Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Safety Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Paul Rozek at 6:00 pm.

Present: Paul Repischak, Fred Witty, Paul Rozek, Earl Strandt, Paul Kreutzer, Dan Meister, Scott Gillard, Paul Milkovich, and Chuck Trevorow

Excused: Ron Schildt and Joe Poshepny

Approval of Minutes: Paul Kreutzer made a motion to accept the March 11th, 2009 minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

New Business:

03 09 05 Requested Action Statement from Alderman Ament regarding traffic cutting through the Rogers Glen subdivision on Mill Creek Trail.

A number of citizens were in attendance and spoke on this matter. Their complaint was two-pronged: 1) speeding vehicles on Mill Creek Trail being a chronic problem before the construction started, and 2) speeding becoming a far bigger problem with the drastic increase in cut-through traffic. The citizens voiced concerns for their safety when walking, driving, backing and pulling out onto Mill Creek Trail.

The Safety Commission elected to address the second / “temporary problem” of increased cut-through traffic speeding through the area. We agreed to table the “chronic problem” of speeding.

Paul Repischak reported on the results of recent Police Department traffic assignments conducted. There were 8 warnings issued and 3 citations.

Several suggestions were made by citizens and Safety Commission members, (i.e. Stop signs, additional speed limit signs, caution signs, yard signs, speed humps, temporary stop signs, grooves in the pavement, and portable/ temporary speed bumps).

Paul Repischak advised that putting Stop signs up to slow down traffic is seldom if ever recommended for a number of reasons. Repischak further

advised that City Engineering would have to study the area to see if speed humps, speed bumps, or grooves in the pavement would be a safe and viable option.

Paul Repischak made a motion to hold this item on the agenda and in the meantime have Safety Commission members do the following:

1. The Streets Department to check the existing signage along Mill Creek Trail for any needs (i.e. missing signs replaced, check on the possibility of putting up additional “caution” signs up, putting flags on top of speed limit signs etc.)
2. City Engineering to conduct an analysis of the area for traffic volume and speeds, as well as study the area for the possibility of putting up some type of temporary speed bump(s), groves in the pavement, or other type of temporary traffic calming device.
3. Police Department to continue periodic “traffic sets” along Mill Creek Trail on both Day and Early Shift Patrols.
4. Police Department to check on the availability of yard signs aimed at informing motorists to slow down and deliver same to citizens along Mill Creek Trail.

The motion was seconded by Paul Kreutzer and carried unanimously.

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Revisit parking problems near Lions Park” (Parkside Drive and Lynwood Court).

Citizens were in attendance to speak on this matter. Visitors to Lions Park who use the tennis courts, baseball diamond, and soccer field are not using the available parking lots designated for these areas. Vehicles are parking along the east side of Parkside Drive (in a curve) creating a situation where cars operate left of center and pose a traffic hazard. Vehicle are also parking on both sides Lynwood Court and not leaving adequate room for traffic to get through (especially Fire Department vehicles and school buses). Vehicles are parking too close to intersections and too close to driveways.

This was an item before the Safety Commission in the past. The Safety Commission recommended restrictions on parking on Parkside Drive. The actions that were implemented improved matters in some areas and made problems worse in others (particularly Lynwood Court).

Paul Repischak visited several residents in the area. The above listed problem was a common theme. An additional problem voiced was that the “seasonal” no parking signs on the west side of Parkside end too early and

fail to restrict parking for the fall soccer teams. Paul Repischak came up with a proposal for further restricting parking on Parkside Drive and Lynwood Court which was as follows:

1. Extend the “No Parking Anytime” zone on the east side of Parkside Drive from Lynwood Court south to Brookside Parkway.
2. Post both sides of Lynwood Court as “No Parking Anytime” from the intersection with Parkside Drive to 150 feet west (not extending west of the driveway to 15135 W. Lynwood Court).
3. Change all “Seasonal” no parking signs along Parkside Drive near Lions Park to go from the months of May until **November**.
4. Notify the Park and Recreation Department of the changes in parking regulations around the park so they can post any informative signs directing people to parking lots and send communications to sports organizations that use the fields as to where to park.

The motion was seconded by Dan Meister and carried unanimously.

02 03 08 Revisit parking problems near Glen Park School athletic field.

Teams using the athletic field for practices are not parking in the parking lot as desired. Vehicles are being parked on both sides of the road, leaving little room for through traffic and creating a hazard for pedestrians.

Paul Kreutzer made a motion to have his office resolve this matter by notifying all organizations using the athletic field to park in the parking lot or face losing their permit to use the field. Paul Rozek seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

01 09 05 Requested Action Statement regarding amending § 6-9 “Safety Commission” of the Municipal Code.

An unintended result of amendment dated 06-19-01 by Ordinance No. 2142 and subsequent amendment dated 07-23-02 by Ordinance No. 2180 created an error in § 6-9 “Safety Commission” of the Municipal Code. The membership section incorrectly states, “The Director of Forestry, Parks, and Recreation.” This section should read, “Manager of Streets...”

Paul Rozek made a motion that the Safety Commission recommend the City Council amend § 6-9 to reflect the above correction. Paul Kreutzer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Paul Repischak will be

sending a Requested Action Statement to Council to have the correction made. This item will be removed from the agenda.

02 09 05 The Safety Commission welcomed Paul Milkovich as a new citizen member replacing Lynn Dahlvik.

The Safety Commission is currently fully staffed. The current members are as follows:

Paul Rozek – Chairman – Citizen Member
Paul Repischak – Secretary – Police Dept. Representative
Joe Poshepny – City Council Representative
Ron Schildt - City Engineer Representative
Chuck Trevorow – Manager of Streets Representative
Dr. Paul Kreutzer– Administrator of Public Schools Representative
Scott Gillard – Fire Dept. Representative
Earl Strandt – Citizen Member
Fred Witty – Citizen Member
Dan Meister – Citizen Member
Paul Milkovich – Citizen Member

Old Business:

01 08 09 Proposed changes to the City of New Berlin Municipal Code pertaining to vicious dogs *152-10 G. (1) – (4)*.

The City Attorney prepared a draft of certain sections of the vicious animal ordinance that included the recommendations proposed by the Safety Commission. Commission members reviewed the draft and were satisfied with the changes. Paul Repischak informed the Safety Commission the Police Department and City Attorney's Office were going to be working on other updates to various sections of the ordinance. Paul Repischak made a motion that he send the Safety Commission's recommendations to Council as a separate document of any further changes coming from the Police Department and City Attorney's Office. The motion was seconded by Dan Meister and carried unanimously.

Tabled Items:

01 08 10 Alderman Ament sent a Requested Action Statement asking the Safety Commission to investigate and make recommendations concerning the safety at the intersection of Racine Ave. and Swartz Road .

Next Meeting Date: July 8th, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: Paul Rozek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM
The motion was seconded by Paul Repischak and carried unanimously.

Lt. Paul Repischak