

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 11th, 2007 6:30 pm

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

Meeting called to order: Called to order at 6:33 pm by Lt. Paul Repischak.

Present: Joe Poshepny, Ron Schildt, Lynn Dahlvik, Paul Rozek, Paul Repischak, Fred Witty, and Earl Strandt.

Excused: Tony Goedheer and Scott Gillard.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fred Witty and seconded by Lynn Dahlvik to accept the May 9th, 2007 minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

01 07 01 Traffic Safety at Eisenhower High School. Ron Schildt advised commission members that Eisenhower High School submitted a proposal to the planning department for roadway improvements that may rectify this problem. Motion by Ron Schildt, and seconded by Paul Repischak to hold this item on the agenda to see if future action and/ or recommendations are necessary by the Safety Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

01 07 05 Safety concerns regarding pedestrian safety in the area of the New Berlin Historic Park.

The park is located on both sides of National Ave. There are four larger events and several smaller school-related events at the park throughout the year. Visitors to the park have no crosswalk which creates a dangerous situation. Park representatives were looking for guidance in taking proper steps to make this a safer situation.

Ron Schildt agreed to study the area and share his findings with park representatives.

Ron Schildt advised that since the May meeting he studied the area and forwarded a proposal to Paul Barthel (Waukesha County Dept. of Public Works). The proposal involved the historic park designating a specific area on National Ave to be a crosswalk, and the placing of “pedestrian ahead” signage to the east and west of the crosswalk. He proposed two signs (on folding barricades- facing east and west) at the crosswalk that say, “State Law... Yield to ‘Pedestrian-symbol’ Within Crosswalk.” Ron Schildt made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until he receives a reply from Paul Barthel. Seconded by Lt. Repischak. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

01 07 07 Citizens in the area of Foxwood Dr. and Foxwood Ct. are concerned about traffic safety on Foxwood Dr. at the west end of the Highpointe subdivision / east end of the Park Central development. The citizens report that the curve in the roadway through this area impairs visibility, is difficult for vehicles to negotiate, and creates a hazardous situation for vehicular and pedestrian traffic overall.

Paul Repischak provided commissioners a copy of the letter filed by the concerned citizens on Foxwood Dr. and a map of the area in question. Repischak advised that he inspected the area prior to the meeting. Repischak noticed very little traffic through the area. Repischak advised that tall grass on the properties to the east and north of the curve add to the visibility problems.

Ron Schildt reported that the curve is compliant with federal minimum radius requirements. Ron advised that the City Engineering Dept. counted traffic and measured speeds in the summer of 2006. The results at that time showed no problems with traffic volume or speeds.

Safety commission members discussed the following possible solutions for future consideration:

- A one-time painting of a solid-double- yellow dividing line going into and through the curve.
- “Curve- Ahead” warning signage on each end of the curve.
- 3-way stop signage at Park Central and Foxwood Dr.
- Getting the owners of the properties affecting the area of the curve to cut and maintain the grass to improve visibility.

Ron Schildt advised that he would check with Storm water and Community Development departments to see if the property owners had any property maintenance obligations (regarding the tall grass).

Ron Schildt made a motion to hold this item on the agenda so that other commission members could conduct their own inspection of the area. Seconded by Fred Witty. The motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items:

Ron Schildt made a motion to hold nominations for the Safety Commission Chairperson position until the August 8th, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Fred Witty. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lt Paul Repischak

