



Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Ave

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 06:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Commissioner Joe Rieder, Assistant City Engineer Lucas Pichler, Streets Manager Steve Brooks, Alderperson Charlotte Kroupa, Board Member Mitchell Lataille, Staff Designee Dave Rocklewitz

Excused: Steve Kon (NBFD), Caleb Manske, Brady Reinke, Fred Witty

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 11, 2023 Safety Commission meeting minutes

MOTION: Motion to to accept the January 11th, 2023 minutes.

VOTE: Motion by: Streets Manager Brooks
Second by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Motion Passed 6-0

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. **23-2:** A resident has requested increased signage in the area of the 3300 block of Johnson Road to alert drivers of vehicles entering and exiting driveways, due to the vision obstruction created by the hill.

Lucas Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well maps of the area, which included a contour map and historical crash data. Pichler noted the area of concern (3300 block) had a posted 35 mph speed limit. Pichler also noted the vertical curve data showed the vertical curve was sharper than normal, which created potential visibility issues for the cluster of driveways in this area. Pichler indicated the crash data, from 2000 – 2022, showed there were two crashes in the area of the concern. Pichler advised one of the crashes was a single vehicle that drove off the road, into the ditch, and the other crash was a caused by a school bus with visibility issues that turned left from Jeffers Drive onto Johnson Road. Pichler advised to attempt mitigate the issue, “Hill Blocks View” signage could be added; however, he also noted that signage alone is not very effective.

Jim Riefschlager, of 3340 S. Johnson Road, spoke and expressed his frustrations with lack of police presence. Riefschlager added he and other neighbors have been concerned about speeding vehicles on Johnson Road for many years, but he did not believe the police department was effectively enforcing the speeding issue. Riefschlager inquired about the possibly of putting up speed monitoring signs in the area to alert drivers of their speeds and record data. Dave Rocklewitz advised that putting up speed-monitoring signs was possible. Mitchell Lataille inquired if Pichler could put out traffic counters first to collect data for both vehicles’ speeds and when problems were most significant. Pichler advised he would be able to put out traffic counters, specifically when weather conditions allowed for more accurate data collection. Pichler also recommended that the police department hold off on putting up speed-monitoring signs until after he was able to put out traffic counters, to ensure accurate data.

MOTION: Motion to to have traffic counters installed on Johnson Road, between Cleveland Avenue and Coffee Road, for data collection.

VOTE: Motion by: Board Member Lataille
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

- B. 23-3:** A resident has expressed concerns about the dangerousness of the intersection of Racine Avenue and Swartz Road. A request was made for a traffic study and consideration of a traffic signal.

Lucas Pichler provided a synopsis of the complaint, as well maps of the area, which included historical crash data. Pichler noted during the previous five-year period, there were nine crashes in at the intersection of Racine Avenue and Swartz Road. Pichler added that based on the crash data, the crash rate at the intersection was not high. Pichler also provided past safety commission minutes, from December 2008, March 2009, and August 2009, as the concern about this specific intersection had been previously addressed. The past minutes indicated the safety commission communicated with Waukesha County Highway Engineering to recommend they reconstruct the intersection to remove the skew. Waukesha County Highway Engineering responded that the crash

data did not warrant any immediate action, but the skew at the intersection would be corrected during future reconstruction that was planned, but not yet scheduled. Pichler confirmed Racine Avenue was scheduled for resurfacing in 2023, but not reconstruction. Pichler advised one option for the safety commission would be to hire an outside consultant to conduct a traffic signal study analysis, which would more than likely show a traffic signal was not warranted. Pichler further advised if the analysis showed a traffic signal was warranted, the City could then choose to pay to have traffic signals installed. Pichler advised a second option would be for him to speak with Waukesha County Highway Engineering to see if they could do anything about the intersection while resurfacing Racine Avenue, in 2023. Mitchell Lataille asked why the current safety commission would pursue a traffic signal study analysis if this specific concern was already addressed in the past.

MOTION: Motion to that Lucas Pichler would speak with Waukesha County Highway Engineering to see if they could do anything about the intersection while resurfacing Racine Avenue, in 2023, and remind them of the past conversations.

VOTE: Motion by: Assistant City Engineer Pichler
Second by: Board Member Lataille
Motion Passed 6-0

7. TABLED ITEMS

- A. 22-20:** Alderman Stribl (via a resident) has requested changing the intersection of Michele Witmer Memorial Drive and Library Lane from a two-way stop sign to a four-way stop sign. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

None discussed

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- A.** Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

9. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn

VOTE: Motion by: Board Member Lataille
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 6-0

***Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary***