



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
6:00 PM**

Public Safety Building Room #185

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 6:01PM

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Steve Thompson (NBPD), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Mitchell Lataille, Lori Doyle (Aldersperson), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Steve Brooks (Streets), Steve Kon (NBFD) and Caleb Manske

Absent: Fred Witty, Brady Reinke and Ron Retherford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to accept the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Lataille
Second by: Streets Rep Brooks
APPROVED 8-0

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM:

22-1: Members of the North Oak Condo Association have reported a street parking problem on Forest Ridge Drive south of Lindenwood Drive and north of Beloit Road. Residents in the area are concerned with the potential safety hazard of vehicles parking on both sides of the street on Forest Ridge Drive. The residents reported that when the vehicles are parked on both sides, it blocks access for emergency vehicles and creates a dangerous driving situation. Members of the North Oak Condo Association have requested "No Parking" signs to be erected on one side of the street on Forest Ridge Drive in the area to mitigate this potential safety hazard.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Pichler presented a map of the area. Pichler advised that the Safety Commission reviewed this exact complaint in 2017 and elected to take no action at that time. The commission analyzed the aerial map and identified a potential traffic safety issue. Vehicles parked in this area on both sides of Forest Ridge Drive narrows the roadway which could cause a traffic safety issue for emergency vehicle access. New Berlin resident, Jan Hermann of 4881 S. Forest Ridge Drive was in attendance and provided additional information on this complaint. Hermann advised she is on the North Oak Condo Board and residents in the area are concerned about the parking issues on Forest Ridge Drive. Hermann confirmed that vehicles parking on both sides of Forest Ridge Drive significantly narrow the roadway and residents are concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to access the area. Hermann said condo owners have two car

garages and a parking space to park vehicles indicating that the parking was adequate. She also mentioned that the fire hydrant is located on the east side of Forest Ridge Drive and residents are requesting "No Parking" signs to alleviate this traffic safety concern. Hermann requested "No Parking" signs be installed on the east side of Forest Ridge Drive in the area.

MOTION: Motion to Approve the Recommendation to Common Council to erect "No Parking" signs on the east side of Forest Ridge Drive from Beloit Road to Lindenwood Drive.

VOTE: Motion by: NBFD Rep Kon
Second by: Commissioner Lataille
APPROVED 8-0

ITEM 22-2: Alderman Harenda has received concerns from residents of cut through traffic through the Karrington Woods and Conservancy subdivisions near College Avenue and Janesville Road. Alderman Harenda requested the Safety Commission review this issue and look for possible solutions.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Pichler provided a map of the area and justification parameters for the installation of speed humps. Alderman Ken Harenda was in attendance and provided information on the complaint. Alderman Harenda advised that residents have made complaints of speeding vehicles in the Karrington and Conservancy subdivisions. Alderman Harenda also advised that vehicles are using Winterberry Way as a cut through between subdivisions. New Berlin resident, Boris Veleusic of 13255 W. Winterberry Way was in attendance and provided additional information to the complaint. Veleusic advised that he has observed speeding delivery vehicles in the subdivision and he advised that he would like the speed limit of 25 mph to be looked at as he believed it was possibly too fast for the road design. Veleusic requested this complaint be further investigated. Pichler advised that there are no recent traffic studies on file in this area.

MOTION: Motion to have a traffic study completed in the cited problem area when weather permits and to table this item until the results could be analyzed.

Motion by: Commissioner Lataille
Second by: Alderwoman Doyle
APPROVED 8-0

TABLED ITEMS

ITEM: 21-9: To address recent citizen complaints, the New Berlin Police Department has increased enforcement on the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. To help mitigate this issue, the police department has requested "No Engine Braking" signs be placed at the borders of the city to warn drivers of the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. (Tabled for a map study and further discussion).

MOTION: No Discussion

ITEM: 21-13: A resident contacted the Mayor's office and requested signage (yield and/or pedestrian) at the crosswalk on National Avenue at the Public Safety Building, 16300 W. National Avenue. County Supervisor Ted Wysocki recommended the Safety Commission address this issue with Waukesha County for consideration. (Tabled for further clarification)

MOTION: Motion to remove from the table for discussion.

Motion by: Alderwoman Doyle
Seconded by: Commissioner Rieder
APPROVED 8-0

The commission members discussed the proposed pedestrian yield signage requested and it was determined no action would be taken. The commission identified possible safety concerns of adding signage to the area and cited all the intersections in the area as a possible safety concern as well. The commission agreed that the current crossing was safe as is and no further action should be recommended. Rieder made a motion to take no action on this item and remove it from the agenda. Pichler seconded the motion and it carried with all voting in favor. This item shall be removed from the agenda.

MOTION: Motion to take no action and remove this item from the table

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: Engineer Rep Pichler
APPROVED

SET MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:40PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderwoman Doyle
Second by: Engineer Rep Pichler
APPROVED 8-0

Respectfully submitted:

Captain Steve Thompson
Safety Commission Secretary