



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES
Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

Regular Meeting

Public Safety Building Room #185

6:00 PM

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

All votes were taken via a voice roll call vote.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM: The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

ITEM: Present: Steve Thompson (NBPD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering), Mitchell Lataille, Charlotte Kroupa (Alderperson), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Steve Brooks (Streets), Ron Retherford, and Caleb Manske

Absent: Brady Reinke, Fred Witty, Lucas Pichler (Engineering), and Steve Kon (NBFD).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM: May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Manske advised that the minutes should reflect that he abstained from item 22-8 as there was a conflict of interest. Captain Thompson advised that amendment would be made to the May 11th Minutes.

MOTION: Retherford made a motion to accept the May 11th Minutes with the amendment.

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Retherford
Second by: Commissioner Lataille
Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM: 22-1: The New Berlin Streets Department installed No Parking signs on Forest Ridge Drive per the New Berlin Safety Commission recommendation. **(Not Discussed)**

ITEM: 22-6: The New Berlin Streets Department installed Deer Crossing signs on westbound Coffee Road at Woelfel Road and on eastbound Coffee Road at Schwartz Road per the New Berlin Safety Commission recommendation. **(Not Discussed)**

ITEM: 22-7: The New Berlin Streets Department added reflective tape to the stop sign posts on Calhoun Road at Beloit Road per the New Berlin Safety Commission recommendation. **(Not Discussed)**

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM: 22-9: A New Berlin resident has requested the New Berlin Safety Commission look at the intersection of Lochleven Lane and Edinborough Drive. The resident reported the intersection is potentially dangerous because people do not stop or slow down when going through it. The resident advised that there was rollover accident at the intersection on 05/04/2022.

DISCUSSION New Berlin residents Mark and Beth Fleming of 5650 S. Lochleven Lane were in attendance and spoke reference this item. The Flemings advised that on 05/04/2022 there was a rollover accident and this intersection is dangerous for both pedestrians and the motoring public. The Flemings said the uncontrolled intersection is dangerous because there are blind corners on the west side of Lochleven Lane due to overgrown foliage. The Flemings provided a map of the area and a picture of the rollover accident at this intersection. The Flemings requested the Safety Commission look at adding stop signs to this intersection to improve the safety. City of New Berlin Engineer Tammy Simonson presented a map of the area and crash data over the last 20 years. There was one accident with injuries, one property damage only accident and one non-reportable accident in the last 20 years at this intersection according to the data. Alderperson Kroupa said she visited the area and reported what her observations were. Alderperson Kroupa said she talked with a resident that was walking in the area and the resident told her that she avoids the Lochleven Lane/ Edinborough Drive intersection specifically because it is dangerous. Alderperson said she observed that there is a tree on Edinborough Drive that obstructs the view of the intersection when approaching from the west.

MOTION: City Engineer Simonson made a motion to table this item so a traffic study could be completed.

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Commissioner Lataille
Motion to table approved unanimously

ITEM: 22-10: A resident has requested No Parking signs installed along Nettesheim Ln. Vehicles are parking along the road while waiting for school pick up. They are blocking driveways at times, and it is difficult to leave their homes when vehicles are parked on both sides.

DISCUSSION: Simonson presented a map of the area and crash data over the last 20 years. The data showed that there have been four crashes in this area in the last 20 years. Simonson advised that Heritage Christian School already has a plan in place for off-site busing however many parents continue to pick students up which is causing area driveways to be blocked by vehicles during pick up times. Simonson said the school has plans to add an addition to the building and a specified pick up and drop off lane will be designated on property.

MOTION: Captain Thompson made a motion to table this item so the city engineering department can contact Heritage Christian School and find out when this project will be completed.

VOTE: Motion by: Captain Thompson
Second by: Commissioner Manske
Motion to table approved unanimously

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). **(Not Discussed)**

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. (Tabled for a traffic study to be completed).

DISCUSSION Simonson made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. The motion was seconded by Rieder and carried with all voting in favor. Simonson presented a traffic study completed by city of New Berlin Engineer Lucas Pichler. According to the data, the average speeds were 25-26 mph and the 85th percentile speeds were at 30 mph. Based on the results of this data, there is no indication of a speeding problem. The traffic count data of the area did not indicate an excessive amount of traffic through the neighborhood.

MOTION: Simonson made a motion to take no action on this item and remove it from the agenda.

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Commissioner Rieder
Motion passed unanimously

ITEM: 22-3: Alderman Garrigues requested the Safety Commission look at a parking concern on 147th Street north from National Avenue to Janice Place and on Janice Place in the area of 146th Street. Alderman Garrigues said vehicles are parking on both sides of the street in these areas causing a potential safety hazard due to the congestion. (Tabled and referred to the city code compliance department for review). **(Not Discussed)**

ITEM: 22-8: A New Berlin resident requested the Safety Commission review the city's plan on widening the connecting walking trail at the dead end of Rosemary Drive into Hales Corners. The resident raised the concern that the additional widening of the trail will create more motoring traffic on the wooded "S" curve of Rosemary Drive. **(Not Discussed)**

ADJOURN

MOTION: **Motion to Adjourn at 6:32 PM**

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Lataille
Second by: Captain Thompson
Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Steve Thompson: Safety Commission Secretary