



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES
Wednesday, July 13, 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 p.m.

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

ITEM: Present: Steve Thompson (NBPD), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Mitchell Lataille, Charlotte Kroupa (Aldersperson), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Steve Brooks (Streets), Lucas Pichler (Engineering) Ron Retherford, Caleb Manske, and Brady Reinke

Absent: Fred Witty and Steve Kon (NBFD).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM: June 8, 2022 Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to accept the June 8th Minutes.

VOTE: Motion by: Streets Rep Brooks
Second by: Aldersperson Kroupa
Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM: 22-11: A resident has requested speed limit signs be erected on Magellan Drive between Marquette Drive and Radisson Drive to address a speeding issue. The resident advised the police enforcement has not addressed the issue.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Lucas Pichler presented traffic study data of the area from 06/27/22 through 07/01/22. According to the data, the average speed was 26 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 31 mph for northbound and southbound speeds. This data would not suggest a speeding problem in the area

MOTION: Motion to take no action on this item and remove it from the agenda.

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

ITEM: 22-12: A resident has requested speed humps to be installed on Foxwood Drive between Highpointe Drive and Park Central Boulevard. The resident advised that traffic is using Foxwood Drive as an alternative to National Avenue and vehicles are exceeding the speed limit creating an unsafe environment for the single family home neighborhood.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Pichler provided a map of the area and justification parameters for the installation of speed humps.

MOTION: **Motion to table this item to allow for a traffic study to be completed**

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: Commissioner Retherford
Motion passed Unanimously

ITEM: 22-13: A resident requested a 25 mph speed limit sign on Park Avenue east of Woodshire Drive. The resident stated vehicles speed on Park Avenue, especially during the school year, and it is dangerous for pedestrians.

New Berlin resident Jim Hauser of 14490 W. Park Avenue was present and made a statement reference this issue. Hauser advised vehicles park on the south side of Park Avenue near Orchard Lane property waiting to pick children up as early as 2:00 PM, and this creates a dangerous situation. Hauser said there are many pedestrians in the area and with the parked vehicles, traffic conditions become unsafe due to the congestion. Hauser advised the school officials assigned to the traffic control are not wearing reflective vests and are difficult to identify. Hauser also said vehicles often speed on Park Avenue and he requested a speed limit sign be erected on Park Avenue east of Woodshire Drive. New Berlin Resident Eileen Hardcastle of 14150 W. Park Avenue was present and spoke about the issue. Hardcastle also agreed the parked vehicles on Park Avenue at school dismissal creates a dangerous situation. Hardcastle advised the combination of parked vehicles with pedestrians is dangerous and asked if all students could be forced to ride the bus. Hardcastle also stated there are times when she cannot access her driveway as a result of the parked vehicles waiting to pick up students. New Berlin resident Melissa Bemus of 14700 W. Park Avenue was present and made a statement on the issue. Bemus advised she rides her bike with her children to and from school. Bemus would like to keep this as an option because it allows her children to get to and from school faster without having to wait for the bus. Bemus said Orchard Lane School sends out messages to parents advising them not to travel west on Park Avenue from Sunny Slope Road in an attempt to avoid congestion issues. Reinke advised that he would discuss this issue with Orchard Lane School Administration to gain more information about the issue.

MOTION: **Motion to table this item to allow for a speed data study to be completed, to gain more information from Orchard Lane School Administration and to have the New Berlin Police to complete traffic enforcement of the area**

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
Second by: Commissioner Lataille
Motion passed Unanimously

TABLED ITEMS

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.

Pichler made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. Captain Thompson seconded this motion and it carried with all voting in favor. Pichler presented traffic study data on Edinborough Drive from 05/23/22 through 05/27/22. The average speed was 23 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 28 mph just east of Lochleven Lane. The average speed was 24 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 30 mph just west of Lochleven Lane. Pichler presented traffic study data on Lochleven Lane from 06/20/22 through 06/24/22. The average speed was 25 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 31 mph just south of Edinborough Drive. The average speed was 20 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 26 mph just north of Edinborough Drive. According to the crash data, there has been three crashes at this intersection from 2000 to 2022. According to the traffic count, there were 640 vehicles per day recorded at the intersection. This data would not warrant any action to be taken to control this intersection. Rieder made a motion to refer this item to the city of New Berlin Code Compliance Department to address the possible overgrowth on the southwest corner of Edinborough Drive and Lochleven Lane. Also, to take no action and remove the item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Kroupa and carried with all voting in favor.

MOTION: **Motion to refer this item to New Berlin Code Compliance Department to address the possible overgrowth on the southwest corner of Edinborough Drive and Lochleven Lane.**

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Rieder
 Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
 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. (Tabled and will discuss after the residents had their meeting with the mayor).

Pichler made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. The motion was seconded by Retherford and carried with all voting in favor. Pichler advised Mayor Ament elected to not install the trail connection.

MOTION: **Motion to take no action and remove from the Agenda.**

VOTE: Motion by: Engineer Rep, Pichler
Second by: Commissioner Retherford
Motion passed Unanimously.

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: 22-10: 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. (Tabled until more information can be made available by Heritage Christian).

Not Discussed

SET MEETING DATE – Wednesday, August 10, 2022

ADJOURN

MOTION:
Motion to adjourn at 6:59PM

VOTE:	Motion by: Commissioner Rieder Second by: Engineer Rep Pichler Motion passed Unanimously
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Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Steve Thompson: Safety Commission Secretary