



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN  
SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

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**Regular Meeting**

**Public Safety Building Room #185**

**6:00 PM**

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*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.*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ITEM:** Present: Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Charlotte Kroupa (Aldersperson), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Steve Brooks (Streets), Ron Retherford and Caleb Manske.

Absent: Mitchell Lataille, Brady Reinke, Fred Witty and Steve Kon (NBFD).

**ITEM:** Approval of July 13, 2022 Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** **Motion to accept the July 13, 2022 Minutes as presented**

**VOTE:** Motion by: Commissioner Manske  
Second by: Street Rep Brooks  
Motion passed unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM:** 22-14: A resident has requested speed humps or signs be installed on Manor Drive, near Manor Court, to address speeding issues. The resident advised cars turn onto Oklahoma Avenue from 149th Street, which turns into Manor Drive, and the cars come around the corner very quickly.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, including crash data. Pichler advised traffic counters had already been placed in the area of the complaint to start gathering data for this complaint.

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

**VOTE:**            Motion by: Engineer Rep Pichler  
                  Second by: Commissioner Manske  
                  Motion passed unanimously

**ITEM:**           22-15: A resident has requested stop signs be install at the intersection of Pleasant Drive and Katherine Drive. The resident advised the intersection is uncontrolled and very dangerous, as cars speed through the intersection.

New Berlin Traffic Engineer Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, including crash data. Pichler advised this was the second complaint regarding this intersection in the past six years. The previous time, a stop sign warrant analysis was conducted and signs were not recommended. Pichler recommended another traffic study. There was additional discussion about Moorland Road construction projects skewing the data.

**MOTION:**           **Motion to table this item to allow for a traffic study to be completed after the completion of the Moorland Road Utilities Project.**

**VOTE:**            Motion by: Commissioner Manske  
                  Second by: Commissioner Retherford  
                  Motion passed Unanimously

#### **TABLED ITEMS**

**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. (Tabled for a traffic study)

Lucas Pichler made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. Streets Rep Brooks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pichler presented traffic study data on Foxwood Drive from 7/18/2022 through 7/22/2022. The average speed was 23 mph with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 27 mph, in the area of 13465 W. Foxwood Drive (1,574 vehicles). The average speed was 24 mph, with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 28 mph, in the area of 13580 W. Foxwood Drive (1,702 vehicles). According to crash data, there has been one crash on Foxwood Driver between Park Central Blvd. and Highpointe Blvd. from 2000-2022. This data did not warrant any additional traffic control measures.

**MOTION**           **Motion to take no action and remove the item from the agenda.**

**VOTE:** Motion by: Engineer Rep Pichler  
Second by: Commissioner Manske  
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)..

NBPD Rep Rocklewitz made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. Commissioner Retherford seconded this motion and it carried with all voting in favor.

NBPD Rep Rocklewitz presented a concern from the police department about enforcement of the “No Engine Braking” ordinance, specifically in certain areas of the city, without signage at entrances to the city limits. Lucas Pichler advised there was a concern about how many roadways lead into the city and suggested strategic placement of signage at certain points throughout the city. There was additional discussion about having officers who more frequently enforce the ordinance evaluate where the signage was most needed for fair enforcement action.

**MOTION:** **Motion to table this item and solicit feedback from police officers heavily involved with truck enforcement for strategic placement of signage.**

**VOTE:** Motion by: NBPD Rep Rocklewitz  
Second by: Engineer Rep Pichler  
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. Tabled for a speed data study, law enforcement traffic enforcement, and discussion with Orchard Lane School administration)

Lucas Pichler made a motion to remove this item from the table for discussion. Alderwoman Kroupa seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

Pichler advised he spoke with Andy Stefancin, the school district’s Director of Buildings and Grounds, to discuss this concern. Pichler advised Stefancin vehicles could not queue on the roadway. Pichler also advised Stefancin was possibly going to reach out to Traffic Analysis & Design, Inc. to look at a redesign for queuing vehicles off the roadway. Rocklewitz advised he spoke

with Sergeant Noah Phillips, who met with Orchard Lane's Associate Principal, and the two of them came up with additional ideas for improvements. Orchard Lane planned to create two pick up lanes (versus one) in the west parking lot area at the end of the school days to get more vehicles off the road. Orchard Lane also planned to release students who walked home about five minutes after pick up, as vehicle traffic would be significantly reduced by that point. Orchard Lane would also communicate to parents that westbound traffic on Park Avenue was restricted during drop off/pick up times. The police department planned to assist by upping enforcement of the "No Left Turn/No Right Turn" signs from Sunny Slope Road onto westbound Park Avenue. Jim Hauser, resident of 14490 W. Park Avenue, advised approximately 65 vehicles typically queue on Park Avenue at the end of the school day, so having two pick up lanes would reduce the vehicles on the roadway to about 30. Hauser also advised the school routing westbound on Honey Lane has helped with limiting the "Y" turns on Park Avenue, but there are still vehicles traveling westbound on Park Avenue. Hauser asked if the school zone speed limit sign could be adjusted to flash only at the correct hours for school operation. Street Rep Brooks advised that he would investigate the ability to adjust the timing. Hauser also suggested paving the shoulder to create a staging line. Pichler advised he made a similar suggestion to Stefancin. Hauser again asked for a 25 mph speed limit sign be erected on Park Avenue east of Woodshire Drive, as he has identified a resident that would be okay with the sign in front of his residence. Pichler advised the need for a speed limit sign would be assessed after the conclusion of the traffic study.

**MOTION:**            **Motion to table this item again for further discussion with the school about onsite improvements and/or roadway improvements and to allow for the traffic study to be completed.**

**VOTE:**            Motion by: Engineer Rep, Pichler  
Second by: Commissioner Alderwoman Kroupa  
Motion passed Unanimously.

**ADJOURN**            **Motion to Adjourn at 6:50PM**

**VOTE:**            Motion by: Engineer Rep Pichler made a motion to adjourn  
Seconded by: Commissioner Rieder  
Motion passed Unanimously.

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