



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

6:00 PM

**Public Safety Building Room #185
16300 W National Ave, New Berlin WI 53151**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2. 22-21: Alderman Stribl has requested a study of the intersection of Sunny Slope Road and Howard Avenue for the installation of a traffic signal
3. 22-22: Alderwoman Kroupa has requested a study of Calhoun Road, from National Avenue to Coffee Road, for speeding vehicles

TABLED ITEMS

4. 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).**
5. 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)**
6. 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. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**
7. 22-18: A resident has requested speed humps on Michaels Road, between Oak Ridge Drive and Martin Road. The resident advised vehicles speed through the area, which creates a safety concern for children. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

8. 22-19: A resident has requested stops signs at the intersection of Berlin Avenue and Prospect Place. The resident is concerned that there have been multiple accidents at this location. **(Tabled for confirmation of the correct intersection and a traffic study)**
9. 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)**

SET MEETING DATE

10. Wednesday, November 8th, 2022

ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ It is possible that action will be taken on any of the items on the agenda and that the agenda may be discussed in any order. It is also possible that members of and possible a quorum of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.
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**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Steve Brooks (Streets), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Charlotte Kroupa (Alderperson), Caleb Manske, Mitchell Lataille, Ron Retherford, Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD)

Absent: Brady Reinke, Fred Witty, Steve Kon (NBFD)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM: August 10, 2022 Safety Commission Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve the August 10, 2022 Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Motion by: Pichler Lucas
Second by: Lataille Mitchell
Approved Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM: 22-16: A resident has requested a traffic study and possible road re-design of Grange Avenue, between Moorland Road and Sunny Slope Road. The resident is concerned about the safety of the roadway, based on the design, traffic volume, vehicle speeds, accidents, and visual obstructions created by utility poles and mailboxes near driveways.

Lucas Pichler advised he had a meeting scheduled with Alderperson Harenda on Friday, 09/23/22, regarding these concerns. Pichler noted the intersection of Grange Avenue and Sunny Slope Road was reconstructed in 2021, and the intersection of Grange Avenue and Moorland Road was scheduled to be reconstructed in 2025. Pichler also noted Grange Avenue was last resurfaced in

2005; however, the road surface was still in good condition. Pichler advised he did agree with the concerns on this stretch of Grange Avenue, specifically because of the steep grade, narrow roadway, lack of shoulders, and other obstructions.

Pichler provided a map of the area, including crash data. Between 2000 - 2021, this stretch of Grange Avenue had 31 total crashes (five non-reportable accidents, 25 property damage accidents, and one injury accident). It was also noted there was a fatal accident in 2022. Pichler also cited additional crash data, which indicated this stretch of Grange Avenue possibly required further investigation. Charlotte Kroupa inquired as to if Costco was a contributing factor to the frequency of accidents. That data was unknown. Pichler advised there has been past discussions about reconstructing/redesigning Grange Avenue. Because of the significant costs associated with a project of this scale, this project would need to be included in a Capital Improvement Plan. Pichler also noted because of the scope of project of this magnitude, it was unknown what role the safety commission would have on this. Pichler believed in the interim, the streets department could possibly clear trees for better visibility.

MOTION: **Motion to have the City Engineering Department address the concerns as part of a Capital Improvement Project.**

VOTE: Motion by: Manske Caleb
Second by: Pichler Lucas
Approve Unanimously

ITEM: 22-17: The condo manager for the Forest Pointe at Westridge Condominiums has requested a stop sign at the south intersection of Hunter Lane and Forest Pointe Blvd.

Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, which included crash data. Between 2000 –2021, there were two accidents in this area. It was believed that one of the accidents was a vehicle striking a parked car and the other accident was a vehicle striking a mailbox. Mitchell Lataille advised he frequently drove in this area and did not believe there was need for a stop sign.

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

VOTE: Motion by: Lataille Mitchell
Second by: Retherford Ron
Approve Unanimously

ITEM: 22-18: A resident has requested speed humps on Michaels Road, between Oak Ridge Drive and Martin Road. The resident advised vehicles speed through the area, which creates a safety concern for children.

Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, which included crash data. Between 2000 –2021, there were four accidents in this area. Pichler advised there was no traffic study data at this time and there was some concern about where to set up speed counters. Pichler also noted the roadway was resurfaced two years earlier, which was potentially a cause of speeding vehicles

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

VOTE: Motion by: Rieder Joseph
 Second by: Brooks Steve
 Approved Unanimously

ITEM: 22-19: A resident has requested stops signs at the intersection of Berlin Avenue and Prospect Place. The resident is concerned that there have been multiple accidents at this location.

Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, which included crash data. Between 2000 –2021, there were two accidents in the area. Although the complaint was originally for the intersection of Berlin Avenue and Prospect Drive. Pichler noted this is an uncontrolled intersection. Charlotte Kroupa advised when traveling eastbound on Prospect Drive, from Sunny Slope Road, Berlin Avenue comes up quickly. Kroupa also advised the roads were narrow and it was difficult to see the intersection.

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

VOTE: Motion by: Pichler Lucas
 Second by: Manske Caleb
 Approved Unanimously

ITEM: 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.

Lucas Pichler provided a map of the area, which included crash data. Between 2000 – 2021, there were eight accidents in this intersection. Pichler advised Kwik Trip had to submit a traffic volume study during the development of their building. Pichler was unsure if the results of this traffic study would have changed. Mitchell Lataille advised based on personal driving experience, he believed a four-way stop sign would be warranted at this intersection. Charlotte Kroupa inquired if the Farmer's Market was factored into Kwik Trip's traffic study.

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

VOTE: Motion by: Pichler, Lucas
 Second by: Lataille, Mitch
 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).

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

Pichler advised he talked to a resident in the area of Kohler Pit, who requested a new sign. Pichler also inquired about the status of the police department's recommendation for the location of five new "No Engine Braking" signs. Rocklewitz recommended the new signs be located at Moorland Road and Greenfield Avenue (southbound), Moorland Road and College Avenue (northbound), National Avenue and 124th Street (westbound), National Avenue and Crowbar Road (eastbound), and Lawnsdale Road, near Kohler Pit (eastbound).

MOTION: Motion to install five new "No Engine Braking" signs at Moorland Road and Greenfield Avenue (southbound), Moorland Road and College Avenue (northbound), National Avenue and 124th Street (westbound), National Avenue and Crowbar Road (eastbound), and Lawnsdale Road, near Kohler Pit (eastbound).

VOTE: Motion by: Rieder Joseph
Second by: Rocklewitz David
Approved 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).**

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).

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

Pichler advised he had talked with a representative from Heritage Christian School, who advised vehicles staging for pick up should now be parking on school grounds. The street staging was related to school construction, which has since been completed. The school also sent out notification to parents. Pichler inquired if installing No Parking signs was necessary, as Nettesheim Lane is a public roadway and the complaint appears to have been remedied. Charlotte Kroupa advised she drove through the area on 09/14/22, towards the end of the school day, and there were no vehicles parked on the roadway.

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

VOTE: Motion by: Rieder Joseph
Second by: Kroupa Charlotte
Approved 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. Seconded by Caleb Manske and carried with all voting in favor.

Pichler advised he again spoke with Andy Stefancin, the school district's Director of Buildings and Grounds. Pichler advised the school district contacted Traffic Analysis & Design, Inc. (TADI) and planned to sign a contract with them on Monday, 09/19/22. Pichler also advised speed counters had been set up on Park Avenue for data collection, "Except Buses" signs and orange warning flags had been added to the "No Left Turn/No Right Turn" signs from Sunny Slope Road onto westbound Park Avenue, and timers for the flashing lights on school zone speed limit sign had been adjusted. Pichler further advised the school planned to create two pick up lanes (versus one) in the west parking lot area, but despite this, vehicles were still staging around the curve on Park Avenue. Dave Rocklewitz advised officers had been present and enforcing violations throughout the first week of school. The police department also mounted a speed sign on Park Avenue (eastbound), to alert drivers of their speeds. Jim Hauser, resident of 14490 W. Park Avenue, added comments and noted all the efforts have created noticeable improvements since the previous school year. Hauser advised there was still a large number of vehicles traveling on the road during school pick up and drop off times; however, the school releasing pedestrian students after the majority of the vehicles have left, as well as police presence, has made the area safer. Hauser also noted the school had not started staging vehicles into two pick up lanes, but believed they might need to start.

MOTION: Motion to re-table this item to allow for the traffic study do be completed.

VOTE: Motion by: Pichler, Lucas
Second by: Lataille Mitchell
Approved Unanimously

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. (Tabled for a traffic study)

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

Pichler presented the traffic study data on Manor Drive from 08/08/22 – 08/12/22. The average speed was 22 mph, with an 85th percentile speed of 28 mph, in the area of 3250 S. Manor Drive (781 vehicles). Pichler had also already talked to and showed the data to the resident who made the request to the safety commission.

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

VOTE: Motion by: Brooks Steve
 Second by: Kroupa Charlotte
 Approved 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. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

SET MEETING DATE – October 12th, 2022

ADJOURN

MOTION: **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.**

VOTE: Motion by: Rieder Joseph
 Second by: Kroupa Charlotte
 Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary