

Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES



September 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, by Caleb Manske.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Chuck Garrigues, Charlotte Kroupa (Alderdwoman), Caleb Manske (Chair), Matt Newman (SDNB), Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Justin Schulpus (NBFD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering), Anne-Marie St. John

Absent: Mary English, Mitchell Lataille

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 14th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes, with notation that Chuck Garrigues's documented title of "Alderperson" should be removed, as he no longer holds that position.

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Garrigues
Second by: NBSD Representative Newman
Motion Passed 9-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. **24-13:** An individual has requested an evaluation of the stop signage at the 166th Street and Ryerson Road, and consideration of enhanced signage at the intersection.

Cindy Stein provided an overview of the request, noting that she was nearly involved in two accidents at the intersection during the past two months. Stein further advised that she had witnessed vehicles completely disregard the stop signs at the intersection on multiple occasions and that she was concerned there could be a significant accident at that location.

Lucas Pichler noted that the intersection of 166th Street and Ryerson Road was the only controlled intersection on Ryerson Road between Moorland Road and Calhoun Road. Pichler also noted that in addition to the stop signs, there was a double stop sign at the intersection, for eastbound traffic, and that all of the stop signs already had additional "4-Way" signs placed below the stop signs. Pichler additionally noted that "4-Way" signs should be "All-Way" signs. Tammy Simonson presented a crash map of the intersection, noting that there had been 14 crashes at the intersection since 2000. Justin Schulpus added that he had also witnessed vehicles completely disregard the stop signs at the intersection, specifically for eastbound and westbound traffic, on multiple occasions. Schulpus inquired about the possibility of adding "Stop Ahead" signs near the intersection. Pichler advised enhancement techniques to improve the safety of the intersection could include installing additional double stop signs and/or adding "Stop Ahead" signs. Matt Newman inquired about the possibility of adding white stop bars on the road and/or adding spin alert

signs. Pichler confirmed white stop bars could be added but noted that it was unclear if spin alert signs were an effective means of improving safety.

MOTION: Motion to have to take the following actions:

1. Have the Streets Department add a second stop sign on Ryerson Road at 166th Street, for westbound traffic
2. Have the Streets Department paint white stop bars on the road on all four sides of the intersection of 166th Street and Ryerson Road
3. Have the Streets Department change all current "4-Way" signs at the intersection of 166th Street and Ryerson Road to "All-Way" signs

VOTE: Motion by: Battalion Chief Schulpius
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 9-0

- Citizens providing comments on this issue:

Cindy Stein, 2520 S. Brookside Pkwy

- B. 24-14:** A resident has expressed concerns about vehicles' speeds on Egofske Road, between National Avenue and Martin Road. The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps. The resident has also expressed concerns about visibility for drivers traveling on Egofske Road, around the curve just south of Martha Drive. The resident has requested that the Streets Department assess the area near the curve to determine if trees and/or brush can be trimmed to enhance visibility for drivers.

Coreen Schraufnagel provided an overview of the request, noting that she believed vehicles used Egofske Road as a cut-through between National Avenue and Martin Road. Schraufnagel further advised that she was concerned about speeds of vehicles on Egofske Road, specifically because of the number of children who resided in the area.

Tammy Simonson noted Egofske Road was on a decline from National Avenue to the curve. Simonson also noted the speed limit on Egofske Road was 25 MPH and confirmed there was a speed limit sign for southbound traffic, just south of National Avenue, as well as a sharp curve ahead sign prior to the curve. Simonson further noted there was foliage that potentially obstructed driver's views but believed that most of the foliage was not in the City's right-of-way. Simonson also added that the Engineering Department had not yet conducted a traffic study. Caleb Manske commented that based on personal experiences, he could confirm that his experiences were consistent with Schraufnagel's concerns. Charlotte Kroupa inquired about the current snowplow posts that were along the curve of Egofske Road and specifically asked if new, larger posts could be installed. Lucas Pichler advised that the Streets Department could potentially re-paint the already existing snowplow posts and possibly add chevrons alert drivers of the curve. Pichler also advised that he was not opposed to having the Streets Department cut back whatever natural obstructions were within the City's right-of-way, but advised that by doing so, the roadway would also appear wider.

MOTION: Motion to have to take the following actions:

1. Have the Streets Department cut back whatever foliage/obstructions exist in the area around Egofske Road, around the curve just south of Martha Drive
2. Have the Engineering Department conduct a traffic study

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Manske
Second by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Motion Passed 9-0

- Citizens providing comments on this issue:

Coreen Schraufnagel, 5425 S. Egofske Road

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

6. TABLED ITEMS

- A. **23-18:** A resident has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles on Church Drive. The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

Item not discussed

- B. **24-8:** A resident has requested an evaluation of 149th Street, between Cleveland Avenue and Janice Place, to determine if the installation of speed humps is warranted. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

MOTION: Motion to remove Item 24-8 from the Tabled Items for discussion.

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 9-0

Simonson provided the traffic study data results, which were collected in August 2024. According to the speed study data collected in the 2800 block of 149th Street, which was collected between 08/20/24 – 08/22/24, the average vehicle speed in was 28 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was nine percent. According to the speed study data collected in the 3200 block of 149th Street, which was collected between 08/19/24 – 08/23/24, the average vehicle speed in was 26 mph, and the percentage of enforceable violations was six percent. Simonson also advised that based on the data, she noted that when the City's engineering intern was collecting the traffic study counters, he was confronted by the citizen who requested the evaluation and was advised that she did not believe the data would be accurate because the school year had not yet started.

Caleb Manske advised that it appeared the data presented was consistent with other areas or the City. Manske questioned if the absence of speeding data showed a need to further pursue speed controls or additional traffic studies. Simonson advised that based on the data collected, which was consistent with the speed limit, she did not believe there was a need to further pursue an additional traffic study. Lucas Pichler agreed with Simonson. Charlotte Kroupa asked if there were enough speed limit signs on 149th Street. Simonson noted that there was a speed limit sign on 149th Street, with a spin alert above it, just south of Cleveland Avenue. Pichler further added that there were probably more speed limit signs than normal on 149th Street.

Simonson advised going forward, there appeared to be three options for how to address the concern – move forward to the next step of the speed hump installation process, refer to the data collected and dismiss the concern, or conduct an additional traffic study. Chuck Garrigues advised that to avoid possible future questions about the validity of the data collected, he was in favor of having the Engineering Department conduct an additional traffic study.

MOTION: Motion to have the Engineering Department conduct an additional traffic study

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Garrigues
Second by: Alderperson Kroupa
Motion Passed 9-0

- C. **24-12:** A resident (via the Mayor's Office) has expressed concerns about speeding on Small Road (south of Beloit Road). The resident has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

Item not discussed

7. SET MEETING DATE

- A. Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 6:58 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa
Second by: NBSD Representative Newman
Motion Passed 9-0

Captain Dave Rocklewitz, Safety Commission Secretary