

# Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES

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May 14, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
Conference Room A/B  
3805 S. Casper Drive

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, by Charlotte Kroupa.

### 2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

**Present:** Chuck Garrigues, Charlotte Kroupa (Aldерwoman), Mitchell Lataille, Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering)

**Not Present:** Mary English, Matt Newman (SDNB), Justin Schulpius (NBFD), Anne-Marie St. John

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. April 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Commissioner Garrigues  
Second by: City Engineer Simonson  
Motion Passed 6-0

Mitchell Lataille arrived at meeting.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. None

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 25-5:** A resident (via Alderman Hobinski) has requested the installation of a stop sign on Wilbur Drive at Wilbur Court.

Dave Rocklewitz shared the details of the request, which had been forwarded to him via email. In summary, the resident's request cited concerns about safety at the intersection of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court, specifically due to the number of children who resided and played in the area, as well as the belief that drivers who utilized Wilbur Drive frequently sped and/or were occasionally driving while distracted by phones.

Lucas Pichler advised that based on the specifics of the intersection of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court, he did not believe there would be enough traffic from Wilbur Court to warrant a stop sign at the intersection.

Rocklewitz noted that the area of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court was evaluated in October/November 2024, as well as 2020, for speeding concerns. Rocklewitz provided the safety commission meeting minutes from October 2024 and November 2024, which displayed the results of the engineering department's traffic study and the police department's enforcement efforts. The traffic study and the police department's efforts both generated substantial data; however, neither presented data to support a significant speeding problem. Tammy Simonson provided additional data, specifically the average daily traffic (ADT), from the 2024 traffic study, as well as the 2020 traffic study. The 2024 (October/November) traffic study's data showed the ADT in the 13800 block of Wilbur Drive was 701, and the 2020 (June) traffic study's data showed the ADT in the 13600 block of Wilbur Drive was 710. Simonson noted that the engineering department had not gathered data about traffic on Wilbur Court, but instead she referenced the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) manual to determine a trip generation estimate based on the total number of residences on Wilbur Court. With 11 residences on Wilbur Court, Simonson calculated the trip generation created by the residents of Wilbur Court was just over approximately 104 total daily vehicular trips, or approximately 53 trips inbound and 53 trips outbound from the court. Simonson also added that there had been zero vehicle crashes at or near the intersection of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court since 2000. Simonson advised that based on all of the data, including the known data from the average daily traffic from the major approach (Wilbur Drive) compared to the calculated average daily traffic from the minor approach (Wilbur Court), as well as the crash history, the City of New Berlin Two Way Stop/Yield Guidelines matrix determined no control (i.e. no stop signs) was appropriate for the intersection.

Simonson also added that she looked at the visibility around the area of the intersection of Wilbur Drive and Wilbur Court to determine if there were any obstructions that could be addressed to potentially make the intersection safer. Simonson provided an image from Google maps, which showed the intersection was visibly open and free of any potential visual obstructions.

Simonson advised that based on all the traffic data collected, the crash history, the City of New Berlin Two Way Stop/Yield Guidelines, and the lack of visibility obstructions, she did not believe the intersection warranted the addition of stop signs.

Charlotte Kroupa advised that because stop signs were not warranted, she had concerns that the addition of stop signs would create a false sense security for children, pedestrians, and drivers, which could create an unintended hazard. Pichler agreed with Kroupa, citing that if stop signs were installed in locations where they were not warranted, drivers would disregard the stop signs, and the intersection could become more dangerous.

**MOTION:** Motion to take no action, and to refer the minutes, past minutes, and data to Alderman Horbinski for reference

**VOTE:** Motion by: Commissioner Lataille  
Second by: DPW Director Pichler  
Motion Passed 6-0

## 6. TABLED ITEMS

**A. 24-16:** Multiple residents have requested consideration for the installation of stop signs or yield signs at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Drive and Greenhill Road, due to the dangerousness of the intersection. **(Tabled for traffic study in Spring 2025)**

- Item not discussed

**B. 24-18:** A resident has requested consider for the installation of speed humps on Horizon Drive, due to speeding vehicles. **(Tabled for traffic study)**

- Item discussed and closed at April 9, 2025 Safety meeting.

**C. 25-1:** A resident has requested a three-way stop be installed at the intersection of Ranch Road and Gatewood Drive, specifically because of the safety issues created by vehicles using Gatewood Drive as a cut-through between Greenfield Avenue and Sunny Slope Road. **(Tabled for traffic study in Spring 2025)**

- Item not discussed

**D. 25-2:** Alderman Stribl (via a citizen) has requested consideration for the installation of speed humps and/or additional signage on Rachel Lane, due to the speeding vehicles. **(Tabled for a traffic study)**

- Item not discussed

## 7. SET MEETING DATE

A. Wednesday, June 11th, 2025

8. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Motion to Adjourn at 6:22 PM

**VOTE:** Motion by: Commissioner Lataille  
Second by: DPW Director Pichler  
Motion Passed 6-0