

## **NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**

Wednesday May 11th, 2011 6:00 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building

16300 W. National Ave.

**Call to Order:** Declaration of a quorum.

**Present:** Paul Rozek, Chuck Trevorow, Fred Witty, Paul Repischak, Tamara Simonson, Early Strandt, and Brian Graziano. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Excused:** Paul Milkovich, Paul Kreutzer, and Deena Liska

**Approval of Minutes:** Fred Witty made a motion to approve the January 2011 minutes as read.  
The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorow and carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

11 10 02            Communication from Forest Point Condos regarding speeding vehicles.

In January 2011, Deena Liska asked to review all the previous Safety Commission documentation for this complaint area. In March of 2011, Paul Repischak provided her with all data going back to January of 2000.

On 05-10-11, Alderman Liska contacted Paul Repischak to inform him that she would not be in attendance at the 05-11-11 Safety Commission meeting. She asked that Paul Repischak report to the Commission how she reviewed the information he provided and determined the recent complaints were the same as those of years past. She said all previous complaints involved data collection by City Engineering as well as monitoring and attempted enforcement by the police Dept. None of the reports warranted any action by the Safety Commission. She was satisfied no further action was necessary at this time either. She asked that barring any further discussion by other Commission members, Paul Repischak make a motion to remove this item from the agenda.

Paul Repischak relayed the above information from Alderman Liska. All Safety Commission members in attendance agreed that no further action was necessary at this time. Paul Repischak made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

12 10 01            Request for 25 MPH Speed Limit signs to be posted in front of both 4200 and 4131 S. Church Drive.

On 05-10-11, Alderman Liska also gave a report on what she learned regarding the question raised regarding whether the Common Council needed to approve posting additional speed limit signs. Liska reported that after discussing the matter with other Council members and the City Attorney it was determined no Common Council approval was necessary for simply adding additional speed limit signage.

Chuck Trevorow also researched this agenda item since our January 2011 meeting and confirmed the information Alderman Liska reported.

Paul Repischak made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorow and carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

05 11 01            Parking problem on Swartz Road south of Racine Ave.

The Police Department received a complaint that people are parking in the 4000 block of Swartz Rd when they enter the area of Minooka Park to north and west of Swartz and Racine Ave.

Lt. Repischak investigated this complaint and reported that people are parking along Swartz Rd to access Minooka Park via a driveway in the 4000 block of Swartz Rd. The driveway is gated to restrict access. People use the drive-way as a walking path none-the-less. Swartz Road is only about 21 feet wide through-out the section in question. There is no hard shoulder and only minimal sections of soft shoulder in the area. The lack of shoulder causes vehicles have to park mostly in the north and/or southbound lanes of traffic. Thru-traffic has to drive left-of-center to get around the parked vehicles. What makes matters most dangerous is that Swartz Rd crests a hill near the 4000 block. This hillcrest obscures visibility of oncoming traffic for both north and southbound vehicles. In short, vehicles are going over the crest of the hill, left-of-center (due to parked vehicles) and into oncoming traffic.

Safety Commission members discussed possible solutions. We ultimately decided to recommend a "No Parking Anytime" zone for both north and southbound Swartz Rd from Racine Ave up to 50 feet north of the driveway for 4150 S. Swartz Rd. Paul Rozek made a motion to have Alderman Liska carry this recommendation to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

05 11 02      Safety Commission Member Status.

We reviewed the status of all Safety Commission members. All citizen members are current in their appointments. We will need a replacement for Dr. Kreutzer who will no-longer be employed by the New Berlin Public Schools. Paul Rozek is going to inquire about Dr. Kreutzer's replacement. We also discussed the lack of a New Berlin Fire Department representative. Paul Repischak is going to be talking with the Fire Chief about the Fire Department's representative. Paul Repischak made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until our next meeting. Fred Witty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday June 8th, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURN**      Earl Strandt made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Brian Graziano and carried unanimously.

**Lt. Paul Repischak**  
**Safety Commission Secretary**