

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday June 9th, 2010 **6:00 pm**

New Berlin Public Safety Building  
16300 W. National Ave.

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

**Present:** Paul Rozek, Deena Liska, Paul Kreutzer, Paul Repischak, Ron Schildt, Fred Witty, Earl Strandt, and Chuck Trevorrow. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Excused:** Brian Wendlick and Paul Milkovich

**Approval of Minutes:** Fred Witty made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt. The motion passed with 7 in favor and Alderman Liska abstaining.

### **New Business:**

01 08 09      Revisit proposed changes to the city of New Berlin Municipal Code pertaining to vicious dogs *152-10(1) – (4)*.

Barbara Koepen and Nancy Berg were in attendance representing New Berlin dog owners. Koepen explained that she and other citizens had a problem with the proposed changes the Safety Commission sent to council (particularly with certain definitions). She presented various information outlining their specific problems with the existing ordinance and the Safety Commission's proposed changes.

Paul Repischak recapped the Safety Commissions actions in 2008 and 2009. He passed out copies of the existing ordinance, the final version of the Safety Commission's proposed changes, the citizen dog owners draft ordinance and a letter from the City Attorney outlining issues he had with the dog owner draft ordinance.

After a lengthy discussion Safety Commission members were in agreement that the proposed changes they sent to council and the draft ordinance the citizen dog owners presented were quite different. We agreed that the scope of the Safety Commission's input was focused on safety and not overhauling the entire ordinance.

The Safety Commission stood by their proposal as being a product of the entire commission's research, deliberation, and input from outside sources (including the City Attorney). The Safety Commission felt their proposal accomplished a balance between safety and dog owner's rights.

The Safety Commission agreed there were other areas in the ordinance needing updating and modification. We discussed how it would be difficult as an eleven member commission in conjunction with numerous citizens to overhaul the entire ordinance during our monthly meetings.

Alderman Ament was present and suggested we recommend that council appoint a smaller Ad Hoc committee to work on this task. Alderman Liska volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc committee if formed.

Alderman Liska ultimately made a motion that she report to council the Safety Commission's position that the existing ordinance (as written) serves its intended purpose. Her motion included recommending council appoint an Ad Hoc committee to make any further modifications in improving the ordinance (above and beyond that proposed by the Safety Commission). Alderman Liska said she would serve on any such committee as Aldermanic liaison. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

05 10 03

Unsafe traffic situation at the intersections of Wilbur Drive & Sunnyslope Road and Glencove Parkway & Sunnyslope Road. (Taken out of order).

Paul Repischak handed out the police report and explained the complaint. Dr. Kreutzer pointed out an error in the citizen's complaint. He advised that the school children involved are not traveling Eisenhower Middle or High School after crossing Sunnyslope but instead going to Glen Park Elementary School.

The Safety Commission discussed how a crosswalk was not an option due to the lack of sidewalks. They also discussed how a "pedestrian crossing" sign (with or without a yellow flashing light) would do little to rectify the problem.

Dr. Kreutzer advised that students to the east of Sunnyslope are provided with bus service to Glen Park School. Dr. Kreutzer advised that he and his staff would take care of this agenda item by addressing pedestrian and bicycle safety with the students, parents, and faculty. Lt. Repischak advised Dr. Kreutzer that bicycle patrol officers from the police department would be available to assist in any bicycle safety training needed.

Dr. Kreutzer made a motion to table this item until October 2010, when he will report back on the results of their efforts. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

05 10 01

Establish protocol for placement/ deployment of the temporary speed humps.

Paul Repischak advised that he has received two requests for the temporary speed humps to be installed at different locations. He asked that the Safety Commission come up with standard procedures to follow in handling these requests.

The Safety Commission talked about how the temporary speed hump season will run from May through September. The speed humps will only go on roadways with a 25 mph speed limit. We tentatively agreed that the speed humps will be deployed for 3 months at a specific location. The three month deployment will serve as a trial period to see if permanent speed humps will be wanted and/ or feasible.

Chuck Trevorrow talked about some of the costs associated with installing and uninstalling the speed humps. The first installation of three speed humps on Lincoln Ave. took a crew nearly two days. There are costs associated with running various machinery, new bolts, anchors, and miscellaneous materials which are required on each installation. It is also unknown at this time what type of roadway repairs will be needed once the temporary speed humps are removed.

The Safety Commission agreed to follow the below listed procedures when receiving a request for speed humps.

1. Speeding complaints will be directed to the Police Department, who will prepare a police report and create a traffic assignment for the area in question.
2. If the police department determines the area to be a legitimate problem area **and** the complainant requests speed humps, the matter will be forwarded to City Engineering so they can gather traffic counts and crash data. The matter will also be placed on the next Safety Commission agenda.
3. The Safety Commission will review the area in question to see if its terrain, road design, and lay-out etc. are conducive to having speed humps installed. The Safety Commission will also review the data provided by the Police Department and City Engineering. If the Safety Commission feels the speed humps would benefit the area the district Alderman will be made aware of the situation.
4. Petitions will be sought to gauge neighborhood support for the temporary speed humps. Greater than 50% of the people living

along the frontage in the affected area must be in favor of installing temporary speed humps.

5. When the majority of residents in the affected area are in favor of installing speed humps the Safety Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Public Works to install the temporary speed humps in the designated area.

Paul Repischak made a motion to accept items one through five as the procedures for handling requests for speed humps in a particular area. The motion was seconded by Alderman Liska and carried unanimously.

05 10 02      Parking problem in the 1400 block of S. 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

A citizen reported that employees from Donovan Jorgensen HVAC Co. (16900 W. Greenfield Ave) are parking their personal vehicles in front of private residences in the 1400 block of 169<sup>th</sup> St. The employees are reportedly creating congestion in the area and some are parking on the grassy areas maintained by residents. The citizen said he has been unable to resolve the matter with the business owner. The citizen was not in favor of any parking restrictions on 169<sup>th</sup> St.

Ron Schildt made a motion that he take this item to the New Berlin Code Compliance Department and review Donovan Jorgensen's "plan of operation" to see if there is anything the City can dictate Donovan Jorgensen do to rectify this problem. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

01 09 06      Speeding Vehicles on Lincoln Avenue near 15165 W. Lincoln Ave.

This item is being held on the agenda through the first temporary speed hump deployment. Alderman Wysocki will be soliciting feedback from residents in the surrounding area to gauge support for permanent speed humps. Ron Schildt will be notifying Alderman Wysocki of a more definitive time frame which we'll need the feedback by.

12 09 01      Unsafe intersection at Wilbur Drive and Pleasant View Drive.

Chuck Trevorrow advised that he made contact with the resident on the south/east corner of Wilbur & Pleasant View. The resident corrected the vision triangle obstruction improving visibility at the intersection. The Safety Commission agreed not to make any recommendation for additional traffic control or signage. Ron Schildt made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorrow and carried unanimously.

01 10 01 Request for a Yield sign for e/b & w/b traffic on Foxwood at Highpointe.

This item was approved by council and the yield sign is up. Ron Schildt made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Fred Witty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

01 10 02 Discuss the SPEED Sentry Radar Display units as a potential Safety Commission tool.

Paul Repischak talked again about the Speed Sentry Radar Display units. He gave a report on what he learned from Greenfield Police Dept. who has (3) Speed Sentry units which they are very pleased with. The Safety Commission sees these units as a viable option to deal with many issues before it (as mentioned in previous minutes). The Safety Commission plans to recommend that the City purchase one or more Speed Sentry Radar Display units for addressing various problem areas. We tabled this item to allow for more research into possible funding avenues.

03 10 01 Request for parking restrictions on Forest Point Boulevard and Hunter La.

The item was approved by council and the “No Parking” signs are up. Ron Schildt made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

03 10 02 Request for street light at Sunnyslope Road and Fieldpoint Drive.

The Safety Commission had previously voted in support of placing a street light at Sunnyslope Rd and Fieldpoint Dr. Ron Schildt advised that we were holding the item on our agenda awaiting a work-order and cost analysis from WE Energies. Schildt made a motion that we recommend to council that they approve the street light so that when the paperwork from WE Energies finally arrives council can act on it expeditiously. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

**Tabled Items:**

02 03 08 Revisit parking problems near Glen Park School athletic field.

This item was resolved by Dr. Kreutzer. Fred Witty made a motion to remove it from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ron Schildt and carried unanimously.

**Set next meeting date:** Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Paul Rozek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Ron Schildt and carried unanimously.

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**Lt. Paul Repischak**

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