

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday November 10th, 2010 6:00 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building

16300 W. National Ave.

Call to Order: Declaration of a quorum.

Present: Paul Rozek, Chuck Trevorow, Dr. Paul Kreutzer, Paul Repischak, Deena Liska, Tamara Simonson, Earl Strandt, and Brian Graziano. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Excused: Brian Wendlick, Fred Witty, and Paul Milkovich

Approval of Minutes: Brian Graziano made a motion to approve the September 2010 minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorow and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

01 10 02 Discussion on the SPEED Sentry Radar Display "test and evaluation" unit.

Paul Repischak reported on the "test and evaluation" of the Speed Sentry sign we received from All Traffic Solutions. The sign was deployed in six different locations over a 7 week period. The sign was well-received by area residents who reported it making a difference. The Police Department was also able to see examples of the types of data the sign can collect in assessing the speed problem for complaint areas. While deploying the sign in frequent problem areas several requests for the sign in other areas started coming in. Lt. Repischak reported the results of the Test and Evaluation to Chief Rieder and Schools Superintendent Kreutzer. They both agreed to commit funds for the purchase Speed Sentry Signs for residential areas and school zones. Paul Repischak will be putting together an order before the end of year. Alderman Liska suggested the media be made aware of the city purchasing the signs. Paul Repischak made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorow and carried unanimously.

01 09 06 Feedback from the highway department on the removal of temporary speed humps on Lincoln between Moorland Road and Parkside Drive.

Chuck Trevorow reported on the costs of installing and uninstalling the (3) temporary speed humps we fielded on Lincoln Ave. He estimated the costs of labor and various parts at \$1000.00. He advised that the road will still have to be monitored for buckling and cracks over the winter months and into the spring. He advised that if the road doesn't weather well in the area where the bolt holes were sealed we may have to consider the condition of the road when deliberating on where the temporary speed humps can go. Paul Rozek made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreutzer and carried unanimously.

- 05 10 01 Safety Commission protocol for placement/deployment of temporary speed Humps.
- Safety Commission members agreed that the procedures meant to serve as a guide in handling requests for speed humps presented at the September meeting were acceptable and no further changes were made. Deena Liska suggested that these guidelines be forwarded to all the Aldermen. Paul Repischak made a motion the Safety Commission use these guidelines and remove this item from the agenda. Deena Liska seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 06 10 01 Request for temporary speed humps on Woodshire Drive
- The Safety Commission voted that this item be removed from the agenda at the September meeting. It was kept on the agenda in error. Repischak made a motion that we remove it again. The motion was seconded by Deena Liska and carried unanimously.
- 08-10-01 Request for temporary speed humps in the Westward Manor Subdivision (specifically Westward Drive and Rogers Drive).
- This item was originally put on the agenda as a request for temporary speed Humps because it came in as a speeding complaint **and** an inquiry regarding how requests for speed humps are going to be handled. The Safety Commission later learned the Westward Manor speeding complaint was merely a request for radar enforcement. The police department worked the area from the end of August to September and wrote no citations or warnings. Alderman Seidl will be made aware of our finalized guidelines in requesting the temporary speed humps. Paul Repischak made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 09 10 01 Request to change Stop sign at Prospect Place and Milton Court to a Yield Sign.
- Paul Repischak advised that he received a request from a citizen to change the Stop sign for westbound Prospect Place at Milton Court to a yield sign. The rationale (from the reporting person who lives in the area) is that since the City cleared the trees and brush along the parkway visibility is opened up for several hundred feet to the west of the "Y" intersection. He said drivers are now ignoring the Stop sign and driving right through it. He suggested the more appropriate "Yield" sign to control traffic.
- The Safety Commission talked about how this intersection would probably be fine with no traffic control, however it is somewhat peculiar (i.e. "Y" intersection) and it may benefit from keeping some type of traffic control to assign right of way. Paul Repischak made a motion to ask the Streets Department to change the Stop sign to a Yield sign. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried with 7 voting in favor and Earl Strandt opposed.
- 10 10 01 Request for Stop sign at the intersection of 167th & Addison Drive.
- Alderman Seidl received a complaint from an area resident who was requesting a stop sign at the intersection of 167th and Addison Drive. Tamara Simonson reported on the traffic counts and crash data she collected for the area. She reported that there have been no crashes at the intersection in the past year. She

advised that the traffic data showed that the intersection did not meet the criteria for any traffic control (i.e. Stop sign or Yield Sign). Dr. Kreuzer made a motion to not recommend any traffic control for the intersection. Paul Rozek seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10 10 02 Request for temporary speed humps on San Mateo Drive between Moorland and 153rd Street.

A citizen reported a problem with speeding vehicles (including School Buses) on San Mateo between Moorland and 153rd Street. The citizen suggested temporary speed humps or possibly Stop signs at Vista Granada and El Sirocco Drives. The citizen reported that he and other citizens have reported this problem numerous times in the past and saw no action by the City. Lt. Repischak looked into this and located one previous report for the area filed by the same complainant. This report was filed in May of 2004. At that time an officer was assigned to run radar for a 30 day period. The officer returned the assignment reporting that, "radar enforcement was not necessary in the area." Paul Repischak made up another traffic assignment for Day and Early Shift patrols to conduct. The assignment will be completed by the December 2010 meeting. He will report on the results at that meeting. Repischak made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Deena Liska and carried unanimously.

11 10 02 Communication from Forest Point Condos regarding speeding/temporary speed humps.

Deena Liska reported that she received a vague complaint regarding speeding in the area of Forrest Point Condominiums. She advised that she was going to try and ascertain more information and if a report was going to be needed she would forward the information to the Police Department. She made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until the December 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Graziano and carried unanimously.

11 10 01 Review and recommendations on the Dog Ordinance Committee's final draft to be sent to the Common Council.

Deena Liska and members of the Ad Hoc Dog Ordinance Committee presented their final draft of their proposed changes to the Dog Ordinance. Safety Commission members were quite critical of much of the proposed ordinance. Examples of items they were opposed to were:

- The proposed ordinance seemed weighted to the side of protecting the rights of dog owners more than enhancing safety (i.e. permitting to allow for owning more dogs, requiring at least two complainants [supported by written complaints] to have a violation of certain sections, listing extenuating circumstances that will make prosecution on many "dangerous dog" violations difficult).
- The definitions, requirements, and restrictions for "potentially dangerous" and "dangerous" dog owners are confusing and will make enforcement of the proposed ordinance difficult for officers.
- The proposed ordinance talks about officers issuing "orders" declaring dogs as either "potentially dangerous" or "dangerous". It is unclear what exactly an "order" means.

- The proposed ordinance talks about utilizing the Safety Commission in a judicial fashion for these matters as opposed to the City Attorney and Municipal Court.
- The proposed ordinance will require either the Police Department or Code Compliance Department to take on further tasks in following up on certain sections.

Several members of the Safety Commission advised the Ad Hoc Committee that they did not support their draft ordinance as written. The Commission recommended the Ad Hoc Committee use our feedback in making further improvements. The Safety Commission was in agreement that the Ad Hoc Committee need not re-submit any further drafts to our Commission. Paul Rozek made a motion that we remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kreutzer and carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS

05 10 03 Unsafe traffic situation at the intersections of Wilbur Drive & Sunnyslope Road and Glencove Parkway & Sunnyslope Road.

Chuck Trevorow made a motion that we reinstate this agenda item for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt. Dr. Kreutzer advised that he has sent correspondence to his principles to address general safety while walking or riding to and from school. His principles reported back that this was done. We have not had any incidents or further complaints at the above listed intersections. Dr. Kreutzer made a motion that we remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

Set Next Meeting Date: Wednesday December 8th, 2010, at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN Dr. Kreutzer made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

Lt. Paul Repischak
Safety Commission Secretary