

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 9th, 2008 6:00 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building

16300 W. National Ave.

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Safety Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Call to Order: Safety Commission Chairman Paul Rozek called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Present: Paul Rozek, Paul Repischak, Fred Witty, Early Strandt, Joe Poshepny, Dan Meister and Dr. Paul Kreutzer

Excused: Lynn Dahlvik, Ron Schildt, and Scott Gillard

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fred Witty to accept the minutes from March 12, 2008 as read. The motion was seconded by Early Strandt and carried unanimously.

New Business:

The Safety Commission members welcomed two new members: Dr. Paul Kreutzer Superintendent of Schools and Dan Meister -citizen member.

Old Business:

01 08 02 Alderman William Moore asked the Safety Commission to discuss a Requested Action Statement pertaining to proposed changes to General Code, City of New Berlin, Section G, Regulation of Direct Sellers, paragraph (1) (a) *Prohibited practices...*

Requested action: Change to read: *“A direct seller shall be prohibited from calling at any dwelling or other place from 8:00 pm or sunset, whichever occurs first, until 9:00 am, except by appointment.”*

Rationale: The request came from a constituent concerned about unfamiliar person approaching her door when it is dark out. She would like some additional insurance, which this ordinance would give, that visitors would be familiar or friendly when it is difficult to see who is at the door.

Alderman Moore was present at the meeting. Alderman Moore and the Safety Commission members discussed this item at length. Motion by Fred Witty that the Safety Commission recommend the following change in the requested action to read as follows: *“A direct seller shall be*

prohibited from calling at any dwelling or other place from 8:00 pm until 9:00 am, except by appointment.” The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously. Alderman Poshepny will be taking the Safety Commission recommendation to council on 04-22-08.

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Residents across from Glen Park School feel it is dangerous to allow parking on the west side of the street across from the playing field. The concern is for children rushing across from a car parked there and being hit by a passing car. In addition, while having cars parked on both sides allows emergency equipment to pass, the extra lane would be helpful. There is plenty of parking in the school lot for patrons of games played there.

Paul Repischak reported previous recommendations and actions by the Safety Commission regarding parking issues near Glen Park School / playing field. In 2006 the Safety Commission recommended to change the “*No Parking Anytime*” signs to read, “*No Parking Between 7:30 am and 3:15 pm During School Days,*” The recommendations also were to keep the gated drive south of the school posted as, “*No Parking Anytime.*” On 07-12-06 this item was removed from the agenda after the Common Council voted to implement our recommendations. Paul Repischak provided commission members with a map showing where the signs were posted.

Dr. Paul Kreutzer advised that he would be checking on the anticipated use of the playing field for the 2008 Little League season. Dr. Kreutzer will also be contacting a representative from the Little League to suggest safer parking arrangements.

Motion by Fred Witty to hold this item on the agenda until the May 14, 2008 Safety Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Poshepny and carried unanimously.

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Citizens with night parking permits are not directed to park on a particular side of the street. Alderman Augustine advises that allowing cars to park on the street opposite one another restricts traffic flow for all. It is especially a problem during snow emergencies. Alderman Augustine wishes to propose an odd/even parking setup year-round whereby vehicles will park on either the odd or even side of the street consistent with the odd or even calendar date.

Alderman Poshepny advised the Safety Commission they would be receiving direction from the Common Council to make a recommendation on this and other city-wide parking proposals. Motion by Earl Strandt to hold this item on the agenda until we receive official word from council

on what specific action they would like the Safety Commission to take. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

01 07 12 A New Berlin citizen residing on Bagpipe Ct. spoke about neighborhood concerns regarding motor vehicles speeding along Barton Rd. making unsafe conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and deer. The citizen stated that it is not unusual for vehicles to operate up and down Barton Rd at excessive speeds. The citizen suggested placing speed tables along Barton Rd. to slow traffic down.

Ron Schildt had previously advised that when weather conditions permit City Engineering will put out traffic hoses and evaluate current traffic volume and speeds. Ron Schildt also advised at a previous meeting that he will gather any traffic accident data available for the area in question.

Motion by Paul Repischak to hold this item on the agenda until Engineering can complete the above mentioned analysis and review traffic accident data. The motion was seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

Tabled Items:

Paul Rozek will be checking with the Mayor about the Safety Commission's final vacancy; a representative from the Highway Department or Parks and Recreation Department.

Set Next Meeting Date: May 14th, 2008 at 6:00 pm,

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Earl Strandt to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Lt. Paul Repischak

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