

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14th, 2008 6:00 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Ave.

Call to Order: Called to order by Safety Commission Chairman Paul Rozek at 6:05pm.

Present: Paul Rozek, Randy Alf, Ron Schildt, Earl Strandt, Fred Witty, Dr. Paul Kreutzer, Lynn Dahlvik, Dan Meister and Joe Poshepny.

Excused: Paul Repischak, Scott Gillard.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fred Witty and seconded by Earl Strandt to except the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

02 08 03 In March of 2008, Alderman Augustine reported to the Safety Commission that night parking permits which do not direct people to park on a particular side of the street restricts traffic flow. He advised this was especially a problem during snow emergencies. Alderman Augustine proposed an odd/even parking amendment to the parking restrictions where vehicles will park on either the odd or even side of the street consistent with the odd or even calendar date.

At the Tuesday April 8th, 2008 Proceedings of the Common Council, the Council voted to refer Ordinance No. 2373 to amend the parking restrictions in the City of New Berlin by adding Section 261-4(C) "Alternate Side Parking" to the Safety Commission for discussion and recommendations.

After discussing the odd/even restriction for the night parking ordinance a motion was made by Dan Meister to refer this item back to the Common Council. Motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously. The Safety Commission does not endorse changing the night parking ordinance to restrict parking on the odd/even sides of the road in accordance to the odd/even calendar days. Through information obtained it appears these types of situations are very isolated and changing the ordinance would not necessarily eliminate a narrowing of the roadway by parked cars. The Safety Commission does feel strongly that large emergency equipment and utility equipment must have room to pass and perform their jobs. When people park legally, whether they have a permit or not emergency and utility equipment has room to pass. Should people park illegally there is a process in place to deal with a restricted street. The Safety Commission feels the current parking ordinance is adequate

and past and current experience would indicate it allows for safe passage of traffic, emergency equipment and utility equipment.

The Safety Commission request Alderman Joe Poshepny carry this back to Council.

Old Business:

01 08 02 Alderman William Moore asked the Safety Commission to discuss and 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.”

The Safety Commission voted unanimously to recommend the following language for the requested action: The change to read:

“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.”

Alderman Poshepny to carry the recommendation to council.

Safety Commission will hold this on our agenda pending any action by Council.

01 08 03 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 patron of games played there.

Dr. Paul Kreuzer advised that the Little League will not hold their games at Glen Park this year. By not playing their games at Glen Park school traffic and parking will be drastically reduced which should eliminate the stated concerns.

In light of game elimination and the drastic reduction of street parking Fred Witty made a motion to take no action on this matter and remove it from the Safety Commission agenda. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously. This item will be dropped from the agenda.

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

A motion to hold this item on the agenda until Engineering can complete the above mentioned analysis and review traffic accident data carried unanimously.

Motion by Ron Schildt to adjourn. Second by Fred Witty and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Tabled Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Randy Alf

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