

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday March 8, 2006 6:30pm

Meeting called to order: Called to order at 6:42pm by Randy Alf.

Present: Roger Hegeman, Jim Moczydlowski, Randy Alf, Paul Rozek, Don Ullman, Fred Witty and Ron Schildt.

Excused: Earl Strandt, Lynn Dahlvik, Bill Dunn and Tony Goedheer.

Absent:

Communications: 02 06 02 Officer Andrew Stein
03 06 02 Mr. Mark A. DiStefano
01 06 03 Mayor Chiovarero

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jim Moczydlowski and seconded by Fred Witty to accept the December 14, 2005 minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Tabled Items:

02 03 08 Parking concerns in front of Glen Park School due to the number of people coming to watch little league baseball. Motion by Randy Alf and seconded by Jim Moczydlowski to move this item to old business for discussion. The Police Department received a complaint that Parents who are picking up their children are parking in the no parking zone in front of the school. Lt. Alf has discussed this with the City attorney and Glen Park Principal Glenn Schillig. Lt. Alf and Principal Schillig will be looking into a city ordinance that will allow the no parking signs that are in front of the school to be changed to read, "No Parking between 7:30am to 3:15pm, During School Days. Hold on the agenda for further study. Motion by Randy Alf and seconded by Roger Hegeman to table this item.

New Business:

01 06 02 Beloit Rd and Calhoun Rd. Due to the reconstruction, this intersection has become much larger. There is concern that with the widening of the intersection the stop signs are so far off to the right that they are being lost making for an unsafe situation. (Similar to the situation we have at Beloit and Sunny Slope.) Randy Alf will be sending a letter to the county DPW to see if they would make some

improvements to make the signs stand out more. Hold on the agenda.

02 06 02 Bicyclist on sidewalks – Possible ordinance. By state statute bicyclists are not permitted to ride on sidewalks unless a municipality has an ordinance allowing it. Commission to study. Hold on the agenda.

03 06 02 4333 S. Sunny Slope Rd. Traffic safety concerns for people coming to, from and around the school. Commission to study. Hold on the agenda.

01 06 03 Wilbur Dr.; Sunny Slope Rd. to Michelle Witmer Dr. Safety concerns due to speeding cars and high volumes of traffic. Approximately 35 citizens attended the safety commission meeting to discuss their safety concerns and suggest possible solutions to make Wilbur Dr. and the subdivision safer. Now that Wilbur Dr is open to the City Center some of the citizens major concerns are: It is now a cut through. People are speeding. Traffic has more than doubled. It was a subdivision street and now it's a thoroughfare. People don't stop for the stop sign. The situation will only get worse as the City Center gets closer to completion. This is not what they expected when they moved into this subdivision. The citizens have concerns for the safety of their children and that the "Quality of Life" has been drastically diminished. Nearly all the citizens that attended felt the best solution was to close Wilbur Dr. between Cottonwood and 147th St. There was one citizen that felt Wilbur Dr. should stay open to the City Center. Thank you to all the citizens that attended to be heard and share their thoughts with the commission.

Ron Schildt shared information about speeds and traffic volume on Wilbur Dr. The average speed is 27mph and the mean speed is 33mph. These speeds are consistent to other roads of this type in our City. The volume per day has doubled since Wilbur has been open to the City Center.

The police have been running traffic enforcement patrols on Wilbur Dr. Most stops have been for the high 30's with an occasional violator over 40 mph. There have also been a large number of stop sign violators. The police will continue to patrol the area.

The commission will study this item further. Hold on the agenda.

Motion by Don Ullman to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Alf
Secretary