

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 6:00 pm

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

**Call to Order:** Safety Commission Chairman Paul Rozek called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**Present:** Paul Rozek, Lynn Dahlvik, Joe Poshepny, Earl Strandt, Fred Witty, Paul Repischak, and Tammy Simonson (non-voting representative for Ron Schildt)

**Excused:** Dr. Paul Kreutzer, Scott Gillard, and Ron Schildt

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Lynn Dahlvik to approve the minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting as read. Seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

### **New 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.”*

A New Berlin citizen who resides on Joseph Rd was in attendance and expressed the following concerns: She has had solicitors coming to her door after hours of darkness (as late as 9:00 pm) “banging” on her door. She is concerned about unfamiliar person(s) or perhaps criminals coming to her door when it’s dark out. She would like changes to the ordinance which would prohibit solicitors from coming to her door after hours of darkness.

Lt. Paul Repischak reported on research he did into the above topic:

- Approx. 75 solicitor permits were issued from February 2007 to February 2008.
- The Police Dept. responded to nineteen soliciting complaints from February 2007 to February 2008. Fourteen complaints were during hours of daylight and eight were during hours of darkness. The majority of complaints were citizens requesting officers check the legitimacy of the solicitor (i.e. selling with a permit).

- There were no citations and one warning issued between February 2007 and February 2008 for soliciting without a permit.

Lynn Dahlvik made a motion to table this item until the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, giving Safety Commission members a chance to review ordinance numbers 152-5 *Direct Sellers* and 152-6 *Charitable Solicitors* for any possible changes to them. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

01 08 03      Parking near Glen Park School playing field.

Three area residents and Alderman Augustine were present at the meeting and spoke on this item. Their concerns were that vehicles parking on both sides of the road between Butternut Trail and Redwood Dr. (across from the baseball fields at Glen Park School- during baseball games) leave little room for traffic to get through and children exiting vehicles into this narrow lane of traffic and crossing the street to get to the field are at risk of being struck by a vehicle.

Lynn Dahlvik reported that the Safety Commission investigated the Glen Park parking issue at length and recommended various strategies to rectify the problem.

Tammy Simonson reported to the Safety Commission that Little League baseball games will no longer be played at the Glen Park field. The field will be used for Little League practices only.

Motion by Fred Witty that we hold this item on the agenda so Safety Commission members could review previous recommendations and learn more about the anticipated use of the playing field. Seconded by Lynn Dahlvik and carried unanimously.

02 08 03      Proposal to have citizens with night parking permits park on odd and/ or even sides of the street consistent with the calendar date.

Alderman Augustine was present and spoke on this item. He advised that citizens parking on both sides of the street restricts traffic flow. It is especially a problem during winter (when snow banks push vehicles even further into traffic). Alderman Augustine advised that he initially wanted this issue aired to the Safety Commission members for possible input. At the above meeting Alderman Augustine advised that he plans on having the item openly discussed at a future Common Council meeting.

Lynn Dahlvik made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until we get direction from the Common Council on what action they would like the Safety Commission to take regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

01 07 12 Neighborhood concerns regarding motor vehicles speeding along Barton Rd.

Ron Schildt was not present at the meeting. Tammy Simonson reported that the weather conditions did not permit engineering to place traffic hoses out to evaluate current traffic volume and speeds.

Motion by Lynn Dahlvik to defer this item until a future Safety Commission meeting after the above data is gathered. Seconded by Earl Strandt and carried unanimously.

**Tabled Items:**

Safety Commission chairman Paul Rozek speaking with the Mayor regarding the two vacancies on the Safety Commission. Motion by Paul Rozek that this item remain tabled until the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting giving him a chance to speak with the Mayor regarding this item. Seconded by Paul Repischak and carried unanimously.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 6:00 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion by Paul Rozek to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion seconded by Paul Repischak and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lt Paul Repischak