

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 6:30 pm

**Meeting called to order:** Called to order at 6:33 pm by Lt. Randy Alf.

**Present:** Joe Poshepny, Jim Moczydiowski, Ron Schildt, Lynn Dahlvik, Paul Rozek, Randy Alf, Paul Repischak, Fred Witty, Earl Strandt, and Jack Werginz (representing Scott Gillard).

**Excused:** Tony Goedheer and Scott Gillard.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Lynn Dahlvik and seconded by Earl Strandt to accept the March 14, 2007 minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

### Tabled Items:

Lt. Alf informed the commission that the Safety Commission Chairperson position formerly held by Alderman Roger Hegeman will need to be filled. Nominations will be accepted for any interested commission members at the June 2007 meeting.

### Old Business:

01 07 01 Traffic Safety at Eisenhower High School. Problems occur for a very short period of time when students and parents come to school in the morning hours. The commission will continue to research and study ways to help improve safety at EHS. Hold on Agenda.

01 07 02 **Eliminate parking on both sides of South 159<sup>th</sup> Street (entire road)** – This is to eliminate a safety and noise issue due to the relatively narrow road when groups of walkers (typically 3 or 4 persons per group) to the festival are added along with the parked vehicles on the east side of the road. South 159<sup>th</sup> Street doesn't have room for walkers, parked cars on one side and two lanes of traffic. Additionally, the noise, increased traffic and trash (beer cups, etc.) created by the walkers could be avoided. I believe the church has plenty of parking in the field adjacent to the utility shed.

Lt. Alf spoke on this item and recommended that the traffic control and signage remain as it has for the past several years with no safety concern noted. Motion by Lynn Dahlvik to remove this item from the agenda. Seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

01 06 06 Request for safety measures such as speed tables to slow traffic on Barton Rd. Motion by Lynn Dahlvik to move to old business. Seconded by Jim Moczydiowski and carried unanimously.

Ron Schlidt presented data he collected on the number of vehicles and speeds of vehicles traveling on Barton Rd. The information he gathered showed that lowering the speed limit has little effect in reducing overall speeds. Ron Schlidt advised the roadway was not conducive to installing speed tables (due to hills and curves). The commission was unable to come up with any further highway design improvements and/or instruments to slow traffic. The police department will keep Barton Rd as a priority traffic enforcement area.

Motion by Fred Witty to drop this item from the agenda. Seconded by Paul Rozek and carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

01 07 05 Alderman Ament, Paul Barthel from the Waukesha County Dept of Public Works, as well as concerned citizens and New Berlin Historical Park representatives were all present and spoke on safety concerns regarding pedestrian safety in the area of the Historic Park.

The New Berlin Historic Park is located on both sides of National Ave (a county highway with a lot of traffic and a relatively high speed limit). There are four larger events and several smaller school-related events at the park throughout the year. Visitors to the park have no cross-walk which creates a dangerous situation. Historic Park representatives were looking for guidance in taking proper steps to make this a safer situation.

Paul Barthel advised that a permit could be obtained to set-up a temporary crossing where warning signage and cones could be placed during these events to make a safer crossing. Paul Barthel advised the park representatives that they would have to come up with a formal plan that would be outlined in the permit. Ron Schlidt agreed to study the area prior to the June 2007 meeting and share his findings with park representatives at that meeting in assisting them in filing for the permit.

Motion by Paul Rozek to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Paul Repischak and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lt Paul Repischak