

NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday April 12th, 2006 6:30pm

Meeting called to order: Called to order at 6:30pm by Roger Hegeman.

Present: Roger Hegeman, Jim Moczydlowski, Randy Alf, Don Ullman, Ron Schildt, Earl Strandt, Lynn Dahlvik, Bill Dunn and Tony Goedheer.

Excused: Fred Witty and Paul Rozek

Absent:

Communications:

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Randy Alf and seconded by Roger Hegeman to accept the March 8, 2006 minutes as read.
Motion carried.

Old 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.) A letter was sent to the County DPW Director Rich Bolte to see if they would make some improvements so the signs stand out more. We will hold this item on the agenda for Director Bolte's reply.

02 06 02 Bicyclist on sidewalks – Possible ordinance. The commission is still gathering information. Hold on the agenda.

03 06 02 4333 S. Sunny Slope Rd. Traffic safety concerns for people coming to, from and around the school. The commission has studied this and feels the improvements will work. Motion to drop from our agenda by Bill Dunn and seconded by Jim Moczydlowski. Motion carried, drop from 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 40 citizens attended the safety commission meeting to discuss their safety concerns and suggest possible solutions to make Wilbur Dr. and the subdivision safer. Most suggested that Wilbur be closed just west of Cottonwood Dr. A few felt the road should stay open and

speed tables should be put in. There was also a proposal for a gate that could be opened and closed.

Ron Schildt shared information about speeds and traffic volume on Wilbur Dr. The average speed was 27mph, the 85th percentile speed was 33mph and the pace speed was 21mph 30mph. These speeds are consistent to other subdivision roads in our City. The volume of cars per day was 730. Although the neighbors advised there were some cars that had gone in the ditch, the traffic safety data indicates there were no reportable accidents in this area.

Motion by Jim Moczydlowski and seconded by Lynn Dahlvik to send this item to the Plan Commission and the Board of Public Works to determine whether the road should be open or closed and if there is a way to alleviate the amount of traffic on Wilbur Dr. Motion unanimously carried. Drop from our agenda and send to Planning and Board of Public Works.

Tabled Items:

- 02 03 08 Parking concerns in front of Glen Park School. **Motion** by Bill Dunn and second by Ron Schildt to move this item to old business for discussion. Motion carried. 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, Mark Blum and Glen Park Principal, Glenn Schilling. State statute 346.52(2) allows a city to enact an ordinance that would 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." The gated drive south of the school should be posted, "No Parking Anytime. Fire lane." These changes would allow the parents to pick up their children in front of the school, allow parking on the street outside of posted times and maintain a safe environment for the residents and those who use Glen Park Rd. **Motion** by Bill Dunn and seconded by Lynn Dahlvik to send this proposal to council for approval and to City Attorney Mark Blum to draft an ordinance. Motion carried. Hold on the agenda.

New Business:

- 01 06 04 162nd and Lincoln Ave. Intersection safety due to serious accidents. Hold on the agenda for further study.
- 02 06 04 Barton Road. A request to change the 35mph zone to 30mph.

Several citizens, Alderman Dave Ament and Alderman Ken Harenda were present to share their thoughts and observations supporting the possible lowering of the 35 mph speed limit to 30mph. The commission will study further. Hold on the agenda.

03 06 04 124th Street. Request for "No Parking" signs in the 2500 to 2600 block of 124th St. by the Gas Co. property. Hold on agenda.

Motion by Bill Dunn seconded by Ron Schildt to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Alf
Secretary