

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center  
John Roche Community Room  
May 11, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Pat Beghin, Tom Knoop, Jerry Blystone, Chuck Miller, Tom Lorfeld, Robert Andler, Jeff Berens, Ryan Mayer, Penny Kiefer, Kim Lindholm, Debbie Scherer, Charles Poches

Meeting called to order: 9:30 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by Andler. Seconded by Knoop. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Request for speed reduction to 45 mph on Barry Road in the Township of Marcellon and Scott.* Attorney Kammer briefed the committee in speaking with the other towns in both Green Lake as well as Marquette County about the request for the speed reduction on Barry Road in this area. After a discussion, it was decided that Lt. Jarzynski would send a letter to each of the respective municipalities asking them to adopt formal resolutions to reduce the speed on this section of roadway and to proceed with the speed reduction in that section. No other action was taken on this topic.
2. *Request for review of STH 33 east of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to Stone Haven Subdivision for speed reduction from 45 mph to 35 mph.* When no action was taken on this, DOT indicated that they did not believe that there was a justification for a speed reduction in that area. They indicated they had referred to their sign department for a review on the placement of signage in the area.
3. *Request for review of the intersection of STH 33/STH 146/CTH M for a 4-way stop condition in the Town of Randolph.* No action was taken and no further discussion.
4. *Request for review of intersection of CTH J/Lindsay Road/Wells Road for placement of a stop light indicator in the Town of Lodi.* At the last meeting, a motion was made and passed to place a four-way stop at this location. The committee was briefed on the placement of the four-way stop and the rumble strips at that location.
5. *Request for review of CTH J between Fair Street and STH 113 for safety improvements in the Town of Lodi.* We were briefed by County Highway that the signs have been placed at this location that were requested in the last meeting.
6. *Request for review of Ryan Road for possible placement of traffic warning advisory signs in the Town of Lodi.* This had been referred to Pat Cadigan who was going to speak with the town to see if they wanted to place a sign there. Interim Highway Commissioner Lorfeld indicated he would check into this and see if the signs have been placed or what the town's wishes were.

7. *Request for review of intersection of CTH DM/Kroncke Road for possible 4-way stop condition in the Town of Leeds.* This item had been resolved last time with the speed reduction at that location and we were briefed that the speed reduction down to 45 mph in that area had been placed at that location.
8. *Update on request for speed reduction to 25 mph on Golf Road from the golf course to STH 60 in the Town of West Point.* Lt. Jarzynski indicated that he had spoken to the town chair regarding this. At the current time, Township of West Point is no longer interested in lowering the speed at that location, so no further action will be taken on this topic.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Request for review of no passing zone extension on STH 33 westbound in the area of Pig Tail Alley Road in the Town of Caledonia.* Berens from DOT will be checking the sight distances on this zone and also look at the crash data from the area and will report back to the committee at the next meeting. No further action was taken.
2. *Request for placement of No-Passing zone on CTH CX in new 45 mph zone in the Town of Fort Winnebago.* No action was taken. A review of the area will take place after the 45 mph zone has been in place for a period of time before any further action will be taken in that area.
3. *Request for review of intersection of STH 60 and STH 22 for possible safety improvements in the Town of Leeds.* It was determined with discussion that DOT will review the crash data and also look at the signage in this area. DOT will also request a speed study of the area. The DOT will report back with the findings at the next meeting. ***A motion was made by Andler to have the DOT conduct a speed study in that area. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.***
4. *Request for review of intersection of STH 16 and STH 127 in the City of Portage for possible safety improvements.* Per DOT, the last time the area was surveyed, it did not meet the criteria for signal lights at that time. It was further indicated that DOT will check the crash data and also do a new survey to see if it would potentially meet the criteria for a signal light at this time. It was indicated that the last time that the numbers were not that far from justifying a placement of a signal light. No further action was taken on this topic.
5. *Request for speed reduction on CTH DM from STH 51 to CTH C in the Town of Leeds.* After a discussion with the committee, no action was taken on that item.
6. *Review of the Alliant Energy construction project and possible traffic safety issues in the Town of Pacific.* After discussing this with the committee, no action was taken on this topic.
7. *Review of CTH V from the Grade to the south intersection of Smith Road for safety improvements.* After a lengthy discussion including members of the public speaking of the concerns for the safety in that area with the lack of shoulders there and the fact that the area will be resurfaced this summer, it was determined that the Highway

Shop as well as DOT will be gaining information for the next Highway Safety meeting and looking at potential remedies to the problems that are occurring in that area. They will report back to the committee at the August meeting to share those safety improvement ideas. No further action was taken on this topic.

**FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Patrick Beghin**

Beghin briefed the commission on the one fatality that occurred since the last meeting. This was a motorcycle versus car fatality in the City of Portage.

**BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE: Thomas Knoop**

Knoop briefed the commission on a number of Bureau of Traffic Safety concerns and also the statewide crash information and fatality reports that occurred to-date in the state.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

*Motion was made by Andler to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Seconded by Knoop. Motion carried.*

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Beghin  
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Approved