

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
John Roche Community Room
November 11, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Tom Knoop, Mike Brouette, Darrell Parker, Pat Cadigan, Avis Link, JoAnne Wingers, Robert Andler, Chuck Miller, Vern Gove, Penny Kiefer, Eugene Brown, Pat Beghin, Jeff Berens

Meeting called to order: 9:33a.m. by Doug Jarzynski.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes and 11/11/11 agenda made by Knoop. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on potential safety issues on STH 33 in the Townships of Scott and Randolph regarding the installation of the WE Energies wind tower farms over the next couple of years. No new information was available.
2. Update on request for review of the intersection of US 51/16 and CTH P in the Town of Pacific for the potential installation of a stop condition to reduce accidents. Per DOT Berens, DOT is not looking to put in an all-way stop or signal light at this intersection. The study at the location does not support it. They are looking to do a safety project to increase the size of the turn lane on CTH P to reduce traffic backup.
3. Update on request for review of the intersection of STH 23 and CTH O in the Town of Neupert for safety improvements and extension of no passing zone. Per DOT Berens, States position is that there is not a need to change the no passing zone at that location. As it is constructed it meets sighting distance requirements. Jarzynski will draft a letter stating the committee's position on the issue.
4. Update on DOT review of intersection of STH 33 / East Albert Street in the City of Portage for possible safety improvements and speed reduction. Per DOT Berens, the state has not received any information back from the consultant on the study completed at that location. Item tabled for the next agenda.
5. Update on request for speed reduction and no-passing zone on STH 33 from Wisconsin River Bridge to west intersection of Caledonia Street in the City of Portage. Per DOT Berens, the speed study completed at the location does not justify lowering the speed limit at this time. There is also no justification for a no-passing zone at that location either.
6. Request for review of possible view obstruction in gore area between I39 SB Ramp from STH 16 in the City of Portage. Per DOT Berens, the state is working on getting the obstructions/ trees removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for speed reduction to 45mph on CTH CX in the Town of Fort Winnebago.

The commission was given results of a speed study conducted in the area as well as video footage was shown of the area. This item will be placed onto old business to obtain a driveway count for additional information.

2. *Request for review of curve on Currie Road for safety improvements in the Town of Fort Winnebago.* The commission reviewed video footage of the location and discussed the issue. **Motion by Gove to send a letter to the town for an advisory speed and an arrow sign to be placed on the corner. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.** Jarzynski will write the letter.
3. *Request for speed reduction to 25mph on West Lane Road, Lake Road, Old River Road and gravel portion of Blackhawk Road in the Town of Caledonia.* The commission discussed this item and tabled it to the next meeting as more information is needed on the issue.
4. *Request for speed reduction to 25mph on Golf Road from the golf course to STH 60 in the Town of West Point.* Per DOT Berens, the town will need to do a speed study. The town also can lower the speed limit in the area without DOT approval.
5. *Request for speed reduction on CTH A north of the Village of Doylestown.* The commission discussed this and took no action. The village can lower the speed limit if they chose to without DOT approval.

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Patrick Beghin

Beghin briefed the commission concerning the six fatalities that occurred in last three months. The year-to-date total is at thirteen for 2011. This is above our average of 12 and last year's total of seven.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE: Thomas Knoop

Knoop handed out information on statewide 2011 traffic fatalities. He also provided information on legislative bills of interest.

OTHER BUSINESS

JoAnne Wingers had a concern on the vision at STH 146 and STH16. Pat Cadigan of Columbia County Highway will check on it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andler. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center John Roche Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,



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