

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room
Friday, May 9, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Darrell Parker, Eugene Brown, Kurt Dey, Robert Andler, Andrea Loeffelholz, Pat Beghin, Jullen Fehrman

Meeting Called to Order: 9:37 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes from previous meeting made by Andler. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on request for extending No-Passing Zone on STH 60 at O'Connor Road in the Town of West Point.* This item had been tabled at the last meeting while Jullen Fuhrman looked at the incident for the state. Fuhrman briefed the committee that a site crew had gone out and surveyed the area in question and that the area is up to code for the sighting distances for the passing in the no-passing zone placement and that no changes would be made at this time.
2. *Update on review of Lindsay Road for safety improvements on curve approximately .2 miles north of STH 60 in the Town of Lodi.* This item had also been tabled from the previous meeting. Kurt Dey indicated that he at the time would take a look at the signage. He indicated that the signage at that location is okay and he also stated that they were going to be doing some work on CTH V rebuild this next year. Dey further noted that he would have the engineer look at the Lindsay Road area at that time to see if he had any ideas of what could be added to that location to make the corner more visible. This topic was again tabled until next meeting after the engineer had an opportunity to review the site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for speed reduction on CTH V from Richards Road to Harmony Grove in the Town of Lodi.* At the previous, 02/08/08 meeting, the committee had received a late letter from a concerned citizen in that area. The letter was again in reference to and concerning the large number of vehicle crashes just south of Harmony Grove on CTH V this past winter. The committee discussed this issue as being part of the ongoing issue on this heavily traveled road and the number of accidents this winter. The committee felt that the number accidents this winter was due more to the winter conditions than to any other issues. However Dey agreed to conduct a speed survey check in the area and also to take a look at the signage in the area to see if there would be anything that could be improved on that north end of CTH V just before it reaches the 35 mph zone in Harmony Grove.
2. *Request for placement of wheelchair crossing advisory sign on STH 22 at CTH G in the Village of Wyocena.* Jarzynski indicated that he had received a letter from a handicapped gentleman in a wheelchair who crosses STH 22 in Wyocena on a daily basis and is concerned for safety. There was also another female party that lives in the same area that is also wheelchair bound that frequently crosses the road also. Jarzynski indicated that he had recently spoken with this gentleman after receiving the letter and the gentleman is planning on moving out of the area, but that the problem still exists for the other party who crosses the roadway there. The committee discussed the matter and Jarzynski will talk to the village to see if crossing signage can be placed at the intersection of STH 22 and CTH G in the Village of Wyocena.

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Pat Beghin

Beghin provided the fatal update indicated that we had three fatalities from the time of the last meeting. Beghin briefed the committee on those fatal accident reports. One of the fatalities that occurred happened 18 days after the accident where the subject had finally died of the injuries that he had received. The area of the crash, 9th Avenue by Waubeek, will be placed on the Highway Safety Commission agenda for the August meeting for the committee to review that area as a number of fatalities have occurred in this area as well as other accidents as the Dells area continues to grow.

BOTS UPDATE: Andrea Loeffelholz

Loeffelholz briefed the committee on a number of new issues coming up with BOTS. New laws as well as other information for the committee were discussed.

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

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Beghin
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