

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room
Friday, August 8, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Penny Kiefer, Jerry Blystone, Jullene Fehrman, Kurt Dey, Andy Ross, Joseph Ruf, Dennis Weiner, Robert Andler, Eugene Brown, Charles Poches, Darrell Parker, Andrea Loeffelholz, Pat Beghin

Meeting Called to Order: 9:38 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

No additions or deletions were noted in the previous meeting's minutes from May 2008.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on request for speed reduction on CTH V from Richards Road to Harmony Grove in the Town of Lodi.* The committee discussed action and no action was taken on the item.
2. *Update on request for placement of wheelchair crossing advisory sign on STH 22 at CTH G in the Village of Wyocena.* Jarzynski indicated that he had spoken with the village about this and Fehrman also indicated that DOT would not object to a crosswalk on STH 22 at that location. Jarzynski indicated that he would pass that information onto the Village of Wyocena for possible placement of a crosswalk at that location.
3. *Update on review of Lindsay Road for safety improvements on curve approximately .2 miles north of STH 60 in the Town of Lodi.* Columbia County Highway Commissioner Dey indicated that they had reviewed the area and the signage was determined to be adequate in the area. The area will be looked at in the future when the CTH V/VJ is rebuilt and have their engineer look at that Lindsay Road area to determine if any other changes that may be possible to improve the safety of that corner. No other action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for speed reduction to 35 mph on CTH CX from HWY 51 north approximately .4 miles in the City of Portage.* There was discussion on this speed reduction and Dey indicated that the issue had initially come to the Columbia County Highway Committee and they referred it down to the Highway Safety Commission. *Motion was made to support the speed reduction to the 35 mph zone in this area by Parker. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.*
2. *Request for review of the curve for safety improvements on STH 23 at CTH O in the Town of Newport.* After a discussion about another serious accident at this location, Fehrman indicated that she would have the DOT crew review the placement of the signs at that location, but that there did not appear to be any other options for that corner at this time. No other action was taken.

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Pat Beghin

During the last quarter, no fatal accidents had occurred within Columbia County, leaving our year-to-date total at four.

BOTS UPDATE: Andrea Loeffelholz

Loeffelholz provided handouts to the committee as well as detailed the decrease in the statewide numbers of fatal accidents. She also discussed this with the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kiefer at approximately 11:25 a.m. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, November 14, 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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