



# *Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission*

## *Meeting Minutes*

January 15, 2019

Members Present: Judge Mark Slate (seated at 12:01), Mark Putzke, Harley Reabe, Rachel Prellwitz, Trace Frost, Sgt. Matthew Strickland, Dan Brugman, Aaron Wagner

Members Absent: Mark Podoll, DA Andrew Christenson, Mr. Lyle Plagenz, Michael Panosh, Jason Breaker

Guests: See attached sign-in sheet

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Putzke called to order the regular meeting of the Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission at 11:08 in the UW Extension Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

### **III. Certification of Open Meeting**

The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met

Chairman Putzke updated membership as Aaron Wagner will be the Highway Department representative.

### **IV. Approval of the Agenda**

a) No changes made to agenda, no need for approval per Harley Reabe

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

a) Aaron Wagner requested to amend October 2018 meeting minutes. October 2018 minutes should read:

- Reported by Chairman Putzke via email correspondence. 2 pedestrian warning signs will be installed on StH 23 near Shore Drive and St. Marie Road. Projects slated for 2019 include resurfacing of StH 49 from StH 23 and CtH A to Berlin City limits and StH 49 to StH 21 in **Waushara County**.

b) Motion/second (Reabe/Prellwitz) to approve the amended minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

### **VI. Appearances:**

- a) Mr. & Mrs. Waterbury brought forth concerns regarding dangerous travel, blind hill, unsafe parking and close calls on CtH. H north of Grand Valley Campground. Discussion followed.
- Traffic Safety Commission recommended no action to be taken at this time and to continue to monitor. Chairman Putzke encouraged residents to contact the Green Lake County's Sheriff's Office to report unsafe parking or other observations of unsafe travel.

- b) Chairman Putzke gave background on ATV/UTV ordinance and letter sent to WI DNR to inquire about the possibility of the Wisconsin DNR permitting use of public land for ATV/UTV route to remove ATV traffic off of CtH. B. Mr. Ben Stefan of Grand Valley Campground discussed concerns regarding traffic on CtH. B between CtH. H to the north and the south. WI DNR representative Ellen Barth present. Discussion followed. Ellen Barth states that at this time, it is not an option to use WI DNR land for ATV/UTV route.
- Traffic Safety Commission recommended no action to be taken at this time and to continue to monitor.

## **VII. Alternative Travel Safety Plan**

- a) A multi-disciplinary study of, and action plan for, improving the safety of alternative travel participants on public roadways.
- Chairman Putzke discussed complaint received regarding horse manure on roadways. Discussion followed.

## **VIII. Commission Member Reports and concerns**

### **a) Frost (BOTS)-**

- Reported that as of today (01/15/2019) there were a total of 15 traffic fatalities in Wisconsin, compared to 24 fatalities at this time in 2018. 2018 preliminary numbers for Wisconsin traffic fatalities are 577, compared to 594 in 2017 and 588 in 2016. There were no fatal crashes in Green Lake County for the last two years (2017 & 2018).
- The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held this year at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on August 20-22, 2019.
- Gave overview on Community Maps, discussed map features and legend key. States system continues to work well.

### **b) Brugman (WISDOT)**

- Projects slated for 2019 includes resurfacing of StH 49 from StH 23 and CtH A to Berlin City limits and StH 49 to StH 21 in Waushara County and statewide replacement of corridor signs.
- Reviewed complaint received regarding view obstruction on StH. 23 and Pye Alley. Discussion followed. Intersection meets all DOT standards for sight distance.

### **c) Wagner (Green Lake County Highway Department)**

- Wagner reported that Highway Department continues to work on general maintenance, plowing and brush removal.

d) **Putzke (Chief Deputy Sheriff/Chairman)**

- Reported on letter sent to County Board, County Administrator and Highway Department on the legality of Speed Limits. Will address response at next meeting.
  - (i) Request was made by Barry Rogers to obtain the original engineering report on CtH. A from when road was resurfaced. Aaron Wagner to look for report.
  - (ii) John Zeratsky thanked the Traffic Safety Commission for their continued work on this issue.
- Reported that work continues on developing an ATV/UTV route map and guide with Highway and GIS.
- Reported on media attention received for having zero traffic fatalities in Green Lake County for the last two years. Gave interviews in multiple formats. Discussion followed.

**IX. Correspondence:**

a) None

**X. Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 conflicts with Student Government Day. Change meeting date to **TUESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**. Rachel Prellwitz to send out Doodle Poll to determine time of meeting.

**XI. Future Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

**XII. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion/second (Slate/Reabe) to adjourn meeting at 12:06 PM

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, RN