

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 14, 2015

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Allan Hibbard, Gary Markowski (for Bryan Ashenbrenner), Jason Orth, Lynne Kaminski, Rod Hamilton (for Scott Nelson), Karl Puestow (for Larry Zimney), Barbara Herrmann, and Holly Herzog

Also in attendance: Greg Minikel, City of Manitowoc Engineer; Dale Markwardt, Town of Newton; and Scott Ratajczak, Co-Owner 141 Speedway.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 14, 2015 meeting by John Kropp, second by Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Public Input: *Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway.* Scott Ratajczak, Co-Owner of the 141 Speedway stated that efforts are being made to alleviate the parking concerns. Parking attendants are telling people to park in the lot, areas have been roped off, and there are no parking signs. However, people continue to park on the road for easy access.

Video taken on June 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm was reviewed. It was noted that vehicles park on both sides of the road also obstructing the view of exiting vehicles. The property owner in the area also reported damage to a fence caused by people parking on the shoulder of the roadway.

Todd Hermann stated that it is illegal to park on the shoulder of a county highway and if signage was recommended it would have to be placed on both sides of the highway. Rod Hamilton suggested educating patrons might be an option. Scott Ratajczak stated they would try getting the word out through social media to not park along the county highway.

This matter will continue to be monitored and if accidents or problems continue this matter will be reviewed for signage.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. Todd Hermann stated there are no traffic lights at this intersection and concern has been expressed over limited visibility. Greg Minikel stated this matter was brought before the Public Infrastructure Committee last year. This area averages 8 accidents a year. Traffic signals were discussed, but there was a concern that might back traffic up into Calumet Ave. Greg Minikel also stated that the decorations in question cost approximately half a million dollars and they are hesitant to remove them, and there is not enough room for a roundabout. Approximately 16, 000 cars use the intersection daily.

Allan Hibbard stated that a small car's visibility is really hampered by the decorations. John Kropp stated decorations should be outside of the clear zone. Rod Hamilton suggested looking at the vision triangles. Greg Minikel will take the concerns back to the Public Infrastructure Committee.

A recommendation was made to have the City of Manitowoc review this intersection again through the Public Infrastructure Committee.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. Pictures of the area were reviewed and Dale Markwardt gave a brief summary of the Town's concerns. Utility poles along with four cedar trees partially block the view of on-coming traffic. John Kropp explained the geometry and special features of the road contributing to limited visibility. John Kropp explained that a vehicle comes into view 5 seconds before it enters the intersection and 2 seconds are lost due to view obstructions. Twelve accidents, mostly small cars, have occurred with 6 being westbound traffic on Goodwin Rd. and southbound on CORD Q. Rod Hamilton suggested painting a Stop Bar to bring vehicles out and into a better position to view on-coming traffic. Dale Markwardt stated getting rid of the trees would help, but the owner is uncooperative. Dale also stated extending the 45 mph speed zone might also help. John Kropp stated extending the 45 speed zone would only reduce on-coming vehicles by 14 feet per second.

Todd Hermann will draft a letter to the property owner John Lukas requesting the removal of the 4 remaining cedar trees. This matter to be included on October's agenda.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Rod Hamilton stated there will be a bridge replacement on STHY 42 just south of CORD BB beginning in July and it is a 10 week project.

Recent Fatalities:

Woodlawn and Cottage Lane: This accident occurred on May 26, 2015 when a 25 YOA male lost control on a curve and left the roadway. The vehicle overturned and the driver was ejected. Driver was not wearing a seatbelt. Weather was not a factor.

Other Business: A motion to appoint Jason Orth to replace Michael Bushman by John Kropp, second by Gary Markowski; motion carried. A motion to appoint Barb Herrmann as a citizen member by John Kropp, second by Lynne Kaminski; motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 11:15 a.m., second Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



Harbor Town Ln

Dewey St

STOP



