

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Hank Brill, Mike Flesch, Barbara Abraham, Adam Pritchard, Dennis Ryan, Madelyn Glaeden, Tom Dunkin, Ryan Mayer, Tom Boguszewski, Ben Coopman, Duane Jorgenson, Mark Gunn, Jude Maurer, and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Cory Foster, Dan Davis, Jeff Kuglitsch, Robert Spoden, and Gary Groelle

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for introductions around the table.

Ben Coopman motioned to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014 with the following corrections:

Under the bullet points of items to be corrected in the January 22, 2014 minutes, the following bullet point was corrected:

- Ryan Mayer 6 year study of collisions: Intersection USH 14 and 140 should be included

The motion was seconded by Madelyn Glaeden. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- 1/21/14 – 3 Vehicles (1-car/2-motorcycles)/2 Deceased. Hwy 14 and E Old Humes Rd. Left of center contributing factor. Alcohol unknown. Video was reviewed. Capt. Maurer advised how this fatality accident received a lot of media attention due to the driver of the vehicle failing to stop. The driver was located in IL several days later after the driver's father called in a tip. The driver is awaiting trial.
- 5/11/14 – 1 Vehicle/1 Deceased. S Hopkins Rd at Douglad Rd. Alcohol and excessive speed (89 mph) were contributing factors. Capt. Maurer advised test results from 6/17/14 showed the driver with a alcohol level of .02 and a second test on 7/14/14 showed THC in his bloodstream. Ben Coopman inquired to whether loose gravel warning signs are posted.

Old Business

None

New Business/Public input

Ryan Mayer provided the Traffic Safety Committee a Crash Analysis of Townline and Henke Road as requested at the last Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Ryan advised that three crashes have occurred at this intersection, two in October of 2013 and one in March 2014. All three crashes were caused from failure to stop. Ryan advises upon his investigation, a red flasher has been affixed to the stop sign. Although it was the berm that initiated the concern from the Town of Milton, Ryan suggests doubling up on the stop signs as well as the "Stop Ahead" signs. Ryan will also look into have the stop aheads increased to 36" signs.

Capt. Maurer will contact the Town of Milton with regard to the Traffic Safety Committee's discussions and actions regarding the intersection of Townline and Henke Roads.

Mark Gunn addressed the question and comment report provided by County Board Chairman Addie. Mark advised he recently met with Ben Coopman regarding W. Avalon Road, which has been a concern for residents for a number of years. Road repairs will be discussed at the Town of Rock's Board meeting this week. Mark also noted the Town of Rock and the City of Janesville have a Cooperative Boundary Agreement.

As this issue was brought to the Traffic Safety Committee chairman late yesterday, Capt. Maurer was only able to do a brief search of vehicle accidents in the area of concern. The Rock County Sheriff's Office has two reportable accidents, both in 2010, both property damage only accidents.

Ben Coopman advised he feels it premature to discuss the issue as a group, prior to the Town of Rock's response.

Dennis Ryan states there are a number of similar roads in the city with similar concerns. Dennis advises there are tentative plans to upgrade Austin Road between W. Court and Mineral Point from a "rural" cross section to an "urban" cross section. The project does not have a definite timeline yet.

The Traffic Safety Committee group agreed there is no action to be taken at this time on the concerns and documentation provided by County Board Chairman Addie with regard to W. Avalon Road.

Tom Boguszewski inquired as to whether flashing left arrows will be placed at Kettering and 26. Ben advises interim improvements are being considered by the contractor. Dennis Ryan will look into and advise.

Ryan Mayer distributed informational handouts which maintain contact information for Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC). The numbers provided are not for public use.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Hank Brill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Ryan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary