



Sawyer County Wisconsin



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Traffic Safety Commission 05/18/2016

Minutes

TSC, May 18th, 2016

Present: Doug Mrotek, Kathy McCoy, Brett Heino. Pat Sanchez, Craig Olson, Mark Kelsey, Craig Faulstich, Bob Bott, Gary Gedart, Frank Zufall, John McCue, David DeBlaney, Joel Clepero

Meeting called to order at 0900 by Doug Mrotek

- 1) Introductions were made
- 2) No audience recognition
- 3) Review of the minutes and approved
- 4) Mrotek and Sanchez discussed regional meeting they attended
- 5) No old business
- 6) New Business: Social Media: Discussed use of social media to get out proactive messages to citizens. SO, PD and EM have Facebook pages already. Bots stated that Health Departments in some areas are the lead in the social media/PIO

Review of Membership: Attorney rep needed, invite PH and request Ambulance send rep to meetings

7) Roundtable:

Mrotek: 77 and Peninsula Rd turn lane discussed to be proactive. No crash hx. DeBlaney will talk to state if there is anything they can do. 27 South by Flat Creek-curve really bad and asphalt chunks in roadway.

Gedart and McCue: intersection of 63 and 27 south to B will be changed from a four lane into a two lane with a "suicide lane" in 2019. Sidewalks on both sides. B and 27 intersections to change. Stop Light at Railroad and 27 to be installed.

Faulstich: Stop light is needed at 63 and Main.

Gedart: Highway 63 blow by at G2 and discussed second entrance into G2 being eliminated. Hospital rd. and 63 intersections being looked at making it more of a 90 degree.

Heino: Cadet Class is completed and hopes to fill Sawyer County slot with hopefully a 70-80 percent focus on patrol.

DeBlaney: new crash form going live January 2017. Discussed yellow damage claim tags.

McCoy: states that the 27 South speed limit that drops from 45 to 25 needs to be looked at.

Gedart: states that speed reduction study by hospital is what put the speed at its current limit and that it is based upon what 85% of people feel comfortable driving in that location. Clepero states that 35 mph is good. We are ticketing.

DeBlaney states that "slower is not always safer"

Gedart: Projects on F and NN will have temporary closures. His department is working on building bike trail. Cites safety issues by Duffy Rd and Hayward Marine as business was operating on right of way. Four summer flaggers were hired and will be going through safety training.

Bots: Suggested that community maps be projected up on board at each meeting. Obtain 5 year extraction of crash data for next three months and target those areas with placement of officers three blocks before intersection to slow down traffic and decrease accidents. Crashes up 2% over last year, fatalities are up 6%. Wisconsin has worse rate of seatbelt use with fine only being \$10. Michigan fine is \$100 and they have high compliance rate. Click it or ticket campaign starts this month. Construction zones easy way to tag people with LEO wearing highviz vest, watching vehicles and calling to patrol up ahead. Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety August 23-25th in Green bay. TSC members encouraged to attend. Sawyer County TSC appears to be the fastest growing.

McCue: Major reconstruction on Greenwood Lane starting as soon as school is out. Vermont being repaved and 5th St will have new water/sewer line and sidewalks.

Clepero: Reduce speed from intersection of B and 27 to River's Edge Bar. High speed Crosswalk in front of bar poses safety issue.

Faulstich: Sending two LEO to Tracs Training

Olson: Texting and driving prevention program for students implemented.

Heino: Suggests building into highway projects \$1000-\$2000 for law enforcement. You can't make your own ordinances per DOT.

Discussed projecting maps onto the wall at next meeting. Doug will check with Amber to see if she can so this.

Next Meeting will be August 17th at 0900 at the Sheriff Department.

Meeting adjourned at 1017.

Submitted by, PS