

BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Present:	Anna Destree	Tom Doughman	Joshua Falk
	Russ Holcomb	Andrew Jacobs	Don Mjelde
	Michael Panosh	Cullen Peltier	Dan Sandberg
	Dan Van Lanen	Randy Wiessinger	Tom Witczak
	Jacci Ziebert	Nick Uitenbroek	Paul Fontecchio
	Brian Murphy		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

II. Old Business

Destree wished to make a correction in the wording of the minutes from April 9, 2019, under Item #7, to state it is Public Health inspectors who go to establishments at least once a year—not her. Motion made by Van Lanen and seconded by Mjelde to approve this change to the minutes from April 9, 2019. **Motion carried.**

III. DOT/BOTS Updates

Falk gave a road construction update. There is some work left to finish at USH 41/CTH B, which will start next week. STH 172 bridge painting is ongoing until the end of October. The Hwy. 29/Huron Rd. roundabout has been completed. Work is being done at Parkview Rd./Ashland Ave. until the end of September.

Falk also gave an overview of improvements planned for STH 57/CTH K regarding left-turning vehicles from CTH K onto STH 57. To reduce conflict points, they are looking at an RCUT design intersection. This is a cheaper option compared to an interchange. The funding has been approved and the design process will begin soon. The project is tentatively scheduled for 2023.

Fontecchio reported that CTH W was just resurfaced—wider with centerline rumble strips and chevron. Rumble strips were put in at CTHs Z/G and EE/U. He stated there are a lot of other projects in the county that will start soon.

Panosh reported that so far this year the Brown County OWI Task Force has had 957 traffic stops with 109 OWI arrests. The next OWI mobilization is coming up for Labor Day. The speed grant runs June, July and August. The seat belt grant runs all year. Brown County will receive all three federal grants again the next fiscal year—OWI/speed/seat belt.

Wiessinger reported that fatalities are down almost 20% from last year. Brown County has had 3 fatalities so far this year. There have been 231 in the state compared to 280 at this time last year.

Wiessinger touched on bills that have been introduced to the state legislature.

Ziebert, an analyst with BOTS, gave an overview of 10-year stats.

IV. May Regional Frogger Update

Sandberg reviewed the first Frogger event this year that was held May 28, 2019, in Allouez, Bellevue, Denmark, De Pere, Green Bay, Howard and Suamico. It was noted that cars are not stopping for pedestrians and that there is a lack of understanding of pedestrian right of way. Two more of these events are coming up this summer.

V. 2019 2nd Quarter Fatal Crash Review

Sandberg reported there was one fatality in the second quarter of 2019 involving a motorcyclist who lost control and hit a pole. He was wearing a helmet. It was noted that the scooter had bald tires.

VI. Review 2019 2nd Quarter Place of Last Drink Study

Sandberg reported there were 162 OWI arrests in the second quarter of 2019 reported by participating agencies. Of those, 46 reported drinking at an establishment and 116 at a house or home/refused/other. No establishments had more than three.

VII. Brown County Tavern League Updates

Mjelde stated the Tavern League is proposing SafePark vouchers that patrons can obtain from a bartender to display on their vehicle's rearview mirror when they've had too much to drink which would allow them to park on Green Bay city streets overnight, preventing drunk driving. This probably will not include Washington Street, but ramp parking is available.

Destree stated that Public Health sent out educational materials to all establishments that serve alcohol. Mjelde stated there are alcohol server training courses available online.

Mjelde informed that the Tavern League has joined the Brown County Crime Prevention Foundation.

VIII. Roundtable Discussion

Sandberg stated that the Sheriff's Office puts together a weekly bulletin and has added a 7-day crash prediction analysis for officers based on crash history.

Doughman mentioned that St. Norbert has students who can assist with compliance checks.

Wiessinger stated that the state is working on drug-impaired driving data. The state hygiene lab is now testing for drugs in addition to alcohol, even if at the alcohol threshold.

IX. Citizen Appearances

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary