

BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on January 9, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Present: Peter Flucke Dave Hansen Joshua Falk
 Chad Opicka Michael Panosh Dan Sandberg
 Jennifer Austin Anna Destree Dan Van Lanen
 Tom Witczak Don Mjelde Brad Strouf
 Cole Runge

I. Call to Order

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

II. Old Business

Destree stated a correction should be made in the October 2017 minutes in reference to Item VII. She stated the Health Department is working on obtaining grants for permanent drug drop-off boxes, not Narcan boxes. Motion made by Witczak and seconded by Flucke to approve the minutes from the last meeting with this revision. **Motion carried.**

III. DOT/BOTS Updates

Panosh reported there were 595 fatalities in 2017 compared to 588 the previous year. The five-year average is 553. Brown County had 25 fatalities in 2017.

Falk gave a road construction update. There is some left to do on I-41 by the Brown-Outagamie County line. Construction projects for 2018 include I-41/141 from Lineville Road to Norfield Road from March to November and painting the STH 172 bridge steel girders starting in May, which will be a two-year project.

Hansen reported projects in the city for 2018 include utility work on North Webster Avenue to prepare for reconstruction. He advised no new rapid flashing beacon devices will be installed per the feds due to patent issues, but the existing ones will be maintained.

IV. Fourth Quarter Fatal Crash Reviews

Sandberg reviewed the fourth quarter fatal crashes. There were 21 crashes involving 25 victims in 2017. Of those, 11 were not wearing seatbelts and 47% involved alcohol, with an average BAC of .187. He will check with the Highway Department regarding the STH 57/Wayside Road crash to see if there are reflective strips on the stop signs or if any other alerts could be installed at this intersection.

V. Update on Place of Last Drink Study

Sandberg stated area law enforcement agencies will collect data and send to him monthly. He will compile a quarterly report of taverns involved and submit to the agencies. The agency will then send a letter to the establishments in their jurisdiction to make them aware so they can correct any issues.

VI. Brown County Tavern League Updates

Mjelde, president of the Brown County Tavern League, spoke about the SafeRide program, a voucher system funded by the Tavern League through fundraisers and donations matched by DOT. Each bar pays \$5 per voucher with a limit of 40 vouchers per month and no more than two vouchers per person per week. He also stated the Lyft app works like the SafeRide voucher program and is accessible by bartenders/owners. Plans for the next 12 months include SafeRide bus and SafePark. He suggested getting the word out about these programs so people are aware of them.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

Flucke informed that Ledgeview is planning a bike loop and a bike/pedestrian route. Green Bay is working on a safe route to school plan as well as a bike/pedestrian route.

Opicka noted that only two of the fatalities occurred during the OWI Task Force hours.

Destree stated the Health Department is still working on the move. They will not have a car seat garage in the new place.

Sandberg reported the Sheriff's Office purchased a new state-of-the-art laser scanner for the accident reconstruction team, which should help in roads opening quicker after a crash.

Mjedle stated the Tavern League is looking to change legislation under Chapter 125 in regard to underage drinking, that when a bartender gets a citation for failing a compliance check, the bar owner should be notified.

Strouf stated Wrightstown officers have joined the OWI Task Force.

VIII. Citizen Appearances

None.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary