

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2013**

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

**ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Members present: Kern; Delzer; Milbrath; Jenswold; Cooper; Mayer; Aslesen; Kutz

Members absent: Neupert, Hinzmann

Also Present: Ann Jenswold, Highway Department

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES:** The minutes from the July 17, 2013 Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8a. Discussion on the CTH B Speed Zone on the west end of Johnson Creek**

Sheriff Milbrath commented on CTH "B" heading west out of Johnson Creek. His concerns were related to the citizens traveling along the roadway, those individuals pulling out of the park area, and the speed zone that is currently in place. There was discussion regarding changing the passing zone to no passing and extending the 35 MPH zone. Commissioner Kern discussed the Rock River Park entrance concerns. He stated that there has been a discussion to move the driveway 200 to 300 feet west, and use fill from the Highway Department's CTH "N" project. The Park's Department needs to work with the DNR for permitting. Once the permitting is in place, the Highway Department will look it over and plan to work on the entrance next spring. Commissioner Kern stated he will keep the Committee updated, but that this should address the speed and sight issue in the area. No Motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Discuss citizen comment regarding the extension of the speed zone on CTH “O” near Kroghville**

The recent fatality on CTH “O” near Kroghville brought forward the citizen comment to extend the speed zone in the area. Russ Cooper provided a photo of the area and discussed possible solutions to the concerns. There was discussion regarding 55 MPH and 35 MPH advisories, a possibility of extending the 35 MPH speed zone through the curves instead of advisories, or 45 MPH through the area with 35 MPH advisories through the curves. The decision was made to have the Highway Department review the options, and bring it back to the Traffic Safety Commission. No Motion.

**9b. Discuss installing additional speed limit signs on STH 26 between Johnson Creek and Watertown**

The Committee had discussion regarding adding additional 55 MPH signs heading North on STH 26 by Johnson Creek and Emerald Drive, and southbound on STH 26 by Johnson Creek and Emerald Drive. Ryan Mayer stated that he will look into the area, but that it should not be a problem to have additional signage installed.

**10. Traffic Accident Spot Map – Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department**

Sheriff Milbrath referenced in the near future the use of live feed accidents on the computer instead of using a hard copy map as used in the past. He stated that you would be able to walk through and be interactive with the application. He also stated that as a group next spring we could come together and send a message to bikers regarding the rules of the road. “Traffic Safety urges all motorists, and bikers too, to follow the rules of the road”.

**11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section (Ryan Mayer)**

Ryan stated that he will look into the 55 MPH signage along STH 26 as previously discussed in the meeting.

**12. WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety – Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input**

Matthew Aslesen reported that State fatalities for 2013 were 399, compared to 2012’s 492 fatalities. Jefferson County had six fatalities year-to-date. He also discussed upcoming legislation and Bills of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community.

**13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)**

Sgt. Jenswold reported there were no fatalities on the Interstate. He stated there was no construction information to report. He asserted that Jefferson County now has six Troopers in the County, and should be staffing nine or ten Troopers.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Milbrath and seconded by Mr. Kern to adjourn at 2:07 p.m. Carried unanimously.