



# ***Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 20, 2023

Members Present: Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk, Rachel Prellwitz, Trace Frost, Harley Reabe, Derek Mashuda, Sheriff Mark Podoll (seated at 1107), Tony Kemnitz (WisDOT), Sgt. Matthew Strickland

Members Absent: Jason Breaker, DA Girese Laspisa, Chris Metras, Judge Mark Slate

Guests: none

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Vande Kolk called to order the regular meeting of the Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission at 11:01 in the County Board Room of the Green Lake County Government Center.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

### **III. Certification of Open Meeting**

The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Motion/second (Reabe/Mashuda) to approve the minutes as written. All ayes. Motion carried

### **V. Appearances:**

- a) None

### **VI. Commission Member Reports and concerns**

- a) **Frost (BOTS)-** Gave PowerPoint presentation.
- Presented Year-to-Date traffic crashes and fatalities in Wisconsin.
    - (i) Total traffic fatalities for 2023 in WI is 445, compared to 479 at this time last year in 2022. Motorcycle Driver fatalities for 2023 in WI is 93, compared to 72 at this time last year in 2022, which is an increase of 29%.
  - 2023 YTD GLC crashes-
    - (i) There were 158 total crashes reported in Green Lake County as of today (October 20, 2023) resulting in 1 fatality and 57 injuries.
  - Presented top 3 county high crash probability locations based on previous 3 years' worth of (KABC) crash data. Discussion followed.

- Judicial Outreach Liaison hired by BOTS to enhance traffic safety efforts. Acts as liaison between the WI Highway Safety Offices and the Wisconsin Judicial system.
- Provided information on Children's Wisconsin Safe Roads Challenge.
- Governors Conference on Highway Safety at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on August 28<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Reviewed how narratives in crash reports aid in reviewing of crash data.
- Legislative Updates available under TSC resources via Community Maps.
- Provided contact information for the Bureau of Transportation Safety Team.
- Gave demonstration in Community Maps:
  - (i) Predictive Analytics in Green Lake County. Drilled down to intersection of StH 44 and Cth A.
  - (ii) Provided update on ATV/UTV crashes involved with vehicles, 49 total crashes with 1 fatality and 42 injuries in Wisconsin, none were located in Green Lake County. This does not include ATV/UTV accidents not involved with vehicles.
  - (iii) WisDOT crash

b) **Kemnitz (WisDOT)-**

- Current Green Lake County projects includes:
  - Culvert replacement work on STH 44 and STH 73 almost complete, as well as the mill and overlay of STH 23 between CTH T and CTH A north. Discussion followed.

c) **Mashuda (Green Lake County Highway Department)**

- Road Construction Update:
  - (i) Maintenance operations:
    - 1. Installing snow fencing and rubber crack sealing
  - (ii) CTH J east of Princeton.
    - 1. Project should be finishing up soon and potentially opened end of October.
  - (iii) CTH EF in Berlin
    - 1. Project should be finishing up soon upon completion of landscaping
  - (iv) 2024 Road construction projects:
    - 1. CTH D from Princeton to STH 73- pavement only.
    - 2. CTH T from Princeton to Bend Rd- full reconstruction

d) **Vande Kolk (Chief Deputy Sheriff/Chairman)**

- (i) Fatality 07/22/20 AG Sprayer vs auto CTH A / Hickory Dr. Update in Courts 22CF96 Trial postponed until week of 12/11/2023.
- (ii) Fatality STH 23 east of CTH W 09/29/21 Update in courts 22CF169 set for status hearing 11/14/23
- (iii) Fatality 10/07/23 CTH A near SpringBrook Rd. Fatality review at next meeting in January 2024
- (iv) GLSO Crash and enforcement update through 3rd quarter 2023
  - 25 traffic patrol requests
  - Property Damage accidents down 15 % compared to 2022
  - Personal Injury accidents down 18 % compared to 2022
  - OWI alcohol related arrests up 33%, compared to 2021 down 14%.compared to 2022.
  - OWI drug arrests increased 4% compared to same time last year.
- (v) Governor's Conference on Highway Traffic Safety
  - Reviewed this years' Governor's conference

## **VII. CTH A and Spring Grove Rd**

- a) Mashuda investigated turn-off lane on CTH A and Spring Grove, 750 feet of sight distance on hill. Discussion followed. Recommended to tie into future projects to look at potential changes.

## **VIII. STH 44 between Hilltop and Marquette Road Parking Issue**

- a) Complaint received previously by Sheriff Podoll from community member, concern regarding Greenhouse business on STH 44 between Kingston and Manchester with parking of customers along state highway. Highway department to reach out to business on temporary no parking signage/alternate parking for customers. Discussion followed. Township would need to apply for no-parking signage through DOT.

## **IX. STH 49 All Saints Church and School traffic concern // Sheriff Podoll and Drone Unit**

- a) Sheriff Podoll provided overview of traffic flow and monitoring at All Saints school that opened this fall. No concerns identified at this time. Will continue to monitor. Discussion followed.

## **X. Cattle Crossing concern on CTH X**

- a) Sheriff Podoll brought forth concerns regarding cattle crossing on CTH X south of Kingston around Salemville Rd and South Gate Rd. Mashuda to research signage.

## **XI. Next Meeting Date: Thursday at 11am.**

## **XII. 2024 Future meeting dates:**

- a) Thursday January 18 2024 @ 11AM

- b) Thursday April 18, 2024 @ 11AM
- c) Thursday July 18, 2024 @ 11AM
- d) Thursday October 17, 2024 @ 11AM

**XIII. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm by Chairman Vande Kolk**

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, RN

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