

TOWN OF OREGON ROAD & TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Present: Chairman Wayne Ace, Dave Hagemann, Chris Johnson, Robert Kujawa

Also present: Abel Schulz, Lead Patrolman

Absent: Gary Wackett

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Ace.

There have been several blue and white street name/road signs installed as a pilot to get feedback as opposed to the green and white signs now in use. Following a discussion, it is the recommendation of the committee that as signs are replaced they be green and white and be in compliance with upper and lower case letters. Robert Kujawa will check on the dates that a plan and the actual signs must be replaced.

A discussion was held regarding the roads with combined 45/55 mph speed limits. In June, it was the recommendation of the committee to install 55 mph signs on these roads (S. Hillcrest, S. Tipperary & S. Union Rd). However, we were informed by Abel Schulz – Lead Patrolman that since the speed limit on all unmarked roads is 55 mph that moving the 45 mph signs to the intersections where the speed limit changes would be all that is necessary. This would eliminate the installation of extra posts/signs. The 45 mph signs on Glenway Road located near Alpine & Bellbrook are only for the area from Alpine to Bellbrook. It is the recommendation of the committee that a yellow curve and 45 mph sign be placed on that road. This would indicate the curve and also the “suggested” speed of 45 mph. North Glenway from Bellbrook to Lincoln Road is 55 mph. Abel also informed the committee that legally a speed limit change must be posted at intersecting roads. The two 45 mph signs removed from South Glenway (Alpine to Bellbrook) will now be installed on Union Road where it intersects with Locust Grove Road. Chairman Ace also requested that Abel install a weight limit sign on Netherwood Road just past Alpine Parkway.

Dave Hagemann has been working on a spread sheet for the town sign inventory. This was shared with Abel and he is going to advise the committee as to how effective it is to use and if there are any changes or additions he would like to make. As he is the one responsible for any inventory, he would know how best to do it. It was noted that many of the signs in our inventory are out of date and that we usually only need to keep critical signs (i.e. stop signs) on hand and others can be ordered when necessary and they would then be in compliance with the DOT regulations. Therefore, it would not be necessary to keep a large inventory of signs.

Town Chairman Darryl Weber has indicated that there would no longer be a need for the Road and Traffic Safety Committee. Chairman Ace asked each member for their opinion and it was the consensus of the committee and Abel Schulz that the committee should remain intact and would meet on an “as needed basis,” when an issue would come up that would require our assistance. The committee has worked together to assist with several resident issues and made recommendations to the town board. If those types of concerns should surface, the committee would still be intact to act as a resource. An example was the committee’s assistance working with residents on Hillcrest regarding the speed limit change. Chairman Ace will make the recommendation to the town board that the Road and Traffic Safety Committee continue.

Motion by Dave Hagemann/second Robert Kujawa to adjourn at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Johnson