

City of Birchwood Village  
Road Safety Task Force  
4/11/2024 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting opened at 7:02 PM
- Present at the meeting
  - Ron Malles, Cora Hankins, & Art Arsenault
  - Not present: Margaret Ford
- Meeting Minutes from 3/14/24 meeting approved
- Final edited Task Force By-Laws approved
  - thanks Cory for those update
- Discussion on prior Task Force studies and open issues
  - Reviewed the 10/2023 speed study
    - Margaret to inquire on getting the raw data from Washington County
- Task Force agreed on the follow actions:
  - Potential first recommendation to the Birchwood Council will be adopt a 20 MPH speed limit city wide.
    - Ron & Art to provide the number of replacement signage and investigate additional signage
    - Cost estimates for both replacement and additions to be included in the recommendation to Council.
  - Potential second recommendation is based on prior speed study and community safety, the first Crosswalk and Stop sign additions on Wildwood Ave and Owl St.
    - This location is important for year round community safety because:
      - Serves as a bus stop for both White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi schools.
      - Is the access point to Birch Beach as many residents park along Owl St. and walk across Wildwood Ave.
  - Cora to request at least two additional speed studies from Washington County at or near 509 Wildwood Ave as well as 600 Hall Ave. Other locations might be added as needed.
  - Ron & Art to map intersections within Birchwood that could benefit from either the addition of a Yield or a Stop sign as well as current crosswalk locations.
  - Possibility of the addition of formal crosswalk along Wildwood Ave. at Grotto with addition signage to notify motorist of this.
- Next Meeting set for Thursday May 2, 2024 @ 7:00 PM (first Thursday)
- Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM