

City of Birchwood Village  
Road Safety Task Force  
5/12/2024 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting opened at 7:06 PM
- Present at the meeting
  - Ron Malles, Cora Hankins, Margaret Ford & Art Arsenault
  - Not present: none
- Meeting Minutes from 4/11/24 meeting approved without corrections
- Raw data from the last speed study on Wildwood Ave from Washington County has not yet been received.
- Task Force agreed to add an Open Forum to the June 6, 2024 meeting between 7 and 8 PM. Two proposals to open for decision in the forum include:
  - Proposal 1: The City of Birchwood adopting a city wide 20 MPH speed limit.
    - Nine signs would require new signage as well as one new sign is being recommended on Iris Street (Northeast bound after Jay Path)
  - Proposal 2:
    - 2.a) The addition of a Crosswalk with both new painted Crosswalk and two(2) new Stop signs on Wildwood Ave and Owl St. (Birch Easement)
      - This location is important for year round community safety because it serves both White Bear Lake Schools and Mahtomedi Schools as a bus stop and is access area for residents to the Birch Beach Easement.
    - 2.b) The addition of a Crosswalk with both new painted Crosswalk and two(2) new "Stop for Ped Here signs on Wildwood Ave and Grotto St.
      - This location is also important for year round community safety because residents use Grotto Street/Path to access Tighe-Schmitz Park, the Dellwood Easement and/or Kay Beach Easement.
    - 2.c) The addition of one(1) Stop sign on Southeast bound Wildwood Ave. near lots 368 and 400 (@ Lake Ave & Wildwood Ave. intersection)
      - This new Stop sign is being recommended because of limited sight lines and residents safety.
  - Cora to coordinate with Rebecca the Open Forum notification/announcement.
- Still open is a request for at least two additional speed studies from Washington County at or near 509 Wildwood Ave as well as 600 Hall Ave in both directions. Other locations might be added as needed.
- Next Meeting w/ Open Forum set for Thursday June 6, 2024 @ 7:00PM
- Meeting adjourned 8:37 PM

Prepared & Submitted by: Art Arsenault on 5/9/24