

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/26/2026

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00 pm

Location: South Bethany Beach Town Hall and Via Zoom

Facilitator: Robert Shields (Facilitator called meeting to order)

ATTENDEES

Robert Shields, Beth Rosso (via zoom), Kathy Wood, Ed Kelchner, Rob Herb (via zoom) Mark O'Brien and Dennis Roberts

ABSENT

All committee members present (5 in person and 2 via zoom)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of Meeting Minutes 11-13-25

Details: Approved all in Favor.

Item #2: Discuss Town Budget as it reflects safety

Details: Illuminated Stop Signs were rejected in the 2026 budget but the committee discussed revisiting one illuminating sign located on Canal and Russell as a test sign and or parking an empty police vehicle at the site as a measure of deterrence. A further discussion ensued regarding the possibility that illuminating stop signs could disturb residents in their homes adjacent to the lighted sign, It was determined that the proposed sign located at Canal and Russell would not disturb any homes. The committee unanimously suggested that the Council revisit this request.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Discuss recent safety improvements (markings, painting, etc)

Details: The new markings and painting was complimented by the majority of the committee members and it was suggested to add more walking direction markings in the next application.

Item #2: Discuss new safety issues or those that need reemphasis

Details: Orange flags located in the summer months for ped x crossings to assist walkers to alert traffic. There is a current program in Melbourne Beach Florida which is showing signs of success, Perhaps Bethany Beach may do the same for some added continuity. Chief Lovins has offered to contact the

Melbourne Beach police for possible details of the program. A discussion concerning traffic counter statistics and moving around to various streets once the season begins.

Item #3: Discuss feedback from Bethany Beach P&BSC meeting

Details: Details...3-26 public sharing session with the Governor addressing bikes and safety in Delaware will be held in Bethany Beach.

Item #4: Discuss preparations for South Bethany Bike Rodeo

Details: 7-11 is the planning date of the annual event. Cathy will attempt to seek funds from DOT.

Item #5: Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

Details: There were no public comments.

by: Mark O'Brien (Committee member)



Signature: _____

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