

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE TASK FORCE

MARCH 22, 2018

1. OPENING OF MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Kliejunas, Alec Bartolai (via phone), Mark Boehke, Laura Gumm, Emily Stewert for Aaron Brault, Planning & Development Director Chad Pelishek, Mayor Michael Vandersteen, Superintendent Joe Trueblood, and Superintendent of Facilities and Traffic Mike Willmas. MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sean Hurley, Peter Pittner, and Alderperson Ryan Sorenson. STAFF/OFFICIALS: Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring and Planning Intern Robert Rayfield. OTHERS: Janet Ross, Laura Klemm, George Warner students, and S. Lucille Coughlin

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Chad Pelishek called the meeting to order.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Introduction of committee members and guests.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Approval of minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting.

Motion by David Kuckuk, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas to approve. Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Recycling Update from Mayor Vandersteen.

Summary graph of previous years annual results

was passed out.

24.1 percent of curbside garbage recycled so far in 2018.

Numbers fell due to lack of outreach in 2017.

Suggestions made include reprinting the recycling brochure. Need to send to Dept of Public Works for updating.

Add Recycling topic on City Website including Frequently Asked Questions information.

Need to add banner to website for ease of access to recycling information.

3.2 Solar Group Residential Buy Deadline to Enroll is June 30, 2018

Task Force member Jeanne Kliejunas participated in this program prior and solar is working and has reduced her bill.

She can track her usage/production.

Company is very easy to work with and install cost \$6,500.00.

Questions were raised about how many watts the system produces.

Motion by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Davide Kuckuk to support this program for 2018.

Motion carried.

3.3 Green Tier Legacy Communities 2017 Annual Report Accomplishments.

Recommendations were made to include Sheboygan's status as Tree City, USA, an

Bird City, WI, as well as Sheboygan River monitoring done by Maywood Nature Preserve. SSTF supports submission of report.

#### 4. SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

4.1 Review of Waste Stream Subcommittee Goals. Committee Chairperson Kliejunas to report.

Jeanne Kliejunas reported that she had been speaking with citizen Laura Klemm on waste stream. We send our garbage to Waste Management transfer station. At you door program picks

recyclables, including large items, not sure if it is available in this area.

4.2 Review of Green Infrastructure Subcommittee Goals. Committee Chairperson Brault to report.

No report

4.3 Review of Recycling Subcommittee Goals. Committee Chairperson Mayor Vandersteen to report.

No report

4.4 Review of Water Sustainability Subcommittee Goals. Committee Chairperson Trueblood to report.

Joe Trueblood reported that today is World Water Day, and recommended an initiative to implement water fountains which track water bottle usage when old fountains are replaced. Chad Pelishek reported that the renovations to City Hall include these water fountains.

4.4 Review of City Department Sustainable Initiatives Subcommittee Goals. Committee Chairperson Bartolai to report. Alec Bartolai explained that the committee is exploring an auditing checklist for city buildings.

Also Laura Gumm will be joining their committee.

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

5.1 Announcements to share with committee.

George Warriner students reported "Sheboygan's Terrific Tap Water Bottle Contest," a contest to create a Sheboygan centric water bottle to help promote tap water usage over bottled water. Mayor Vandersteen reported Sheboygan's pledge to reduce water consumption and energy use in associate with the Wyland Foundation. ([mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com)) Waste Water Treatment Plant is holding an open house on May 18, 2018.

6. ADJOURN

6.1 Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Jean Kliejunas, seconded by Joe Trueblood to adjourn. at 12: 50 p.m.

Motion carried.