

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

AUGUST 24, 2017

1. OPENING OF MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Brault, Jenny Conrady,

Ald. Ryan Sorenson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Joe Trueblood, Laura Gumm, Mark Boelke,  
Peter Pittner, Alec Bartolai MEMBERS EXCUSED: David Biebel, Mark Schmitz, Sean  
Hurley, David Kuckuk, Mike Willmas, Dean Dekker, Steffenie  
O'Connell STAFF/OFFICIALS: Planning and Development Director Chad Pelishek,  
Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring OTHERS: Nancy Dejardin, Janet  
Ross

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order Chairperson Chad Pelishek called the meeting to order at 12:  
00 PM

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 June 22, 2017 meeting. Motion by Aaron Brault,  
seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas to approve.

Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Recycling Update from Mayor Vandersteen. No report this meeting.

3.2 Discussion on environmental concerns regarding the proposed golf course.

Chairperson Pelishek provided an update on the annexation process.

He also explained

that no plans have been submitted to date from the Kohler Company.

The next step in the approval process is the conditional use permit through the City Plan Commission.

City staff will not accept the conditional use permit until all state and federal permits are obtained.

No timeline has been provided to the city on the approvals.

Peter Pittner stated the major problem is the lack of discussion prior to the annexation occurring.

Mr. Pittner feels the golf course is a done deal and there are a lot of environmental concerns with this property.

His personnel opinion is that the property is a terrible place for a golf course. The Kohler property is a sensitive environmental area, coastal wetland, endangered habitat and deforestation will cause hydrology issues.

Jeanne Kliejunas commented that the city is tempted by the increased tax base, fees and services. Ms. Kliejunas felt the task force should take a vote on whether they support the project or not.

Laura Gumm stated she would need to abstain based on her employer working with both the Town of Wilson and the city. Other members echoed the same concern.

Chad Pelishek recommended that the task force members that feel passionate about this project, should contact the City Plan Commission members as they are ones that will be approving or denying the conditional use permit.

### 3.3 Sheboygan E-Newsletter Topics for September/October.

Jeanne Kliejunas stated she planned to write about a topic for the October newsletter.

## 4. SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### 4.1 Review of Waste Stream Subcommittee Goals.

Jeanne Kliejuans is the chairperson.

Ms. Kliejunas had a discussion with the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees about the industrial waste and the open houses that were held at the plant.

The committee has not met to develop goals at this time.

#### 4.2 Review of Green Infrastructure Subcommittee Goals.

Aaron Brault

is the chairperson. The committee and agreed that their focus will be on an adopt-a-median project.

Committee members are researching others community's programs.

#### 4.3 Review of Recycling Subcommittee Goals.

Mayor Vandersteen is the chairperson.

The committee did not meet.

There are still a number of schools that need to be presented to on recycling.

#### 4.4 Review of Water Sustainability Subcommittee Goals.

Joe Trueblood is the chairperson. The committee will be researching education of water sustainability and also sharing more of the water utility statistics.

Other topics may include lead water lines, EPA watersense, "fix a leak week", low water fixtures.

#### 4.5 Review of City Department Sustainable Initiatives Subcommittee Goals.

Alec Bartolai is the chairperson.

Discussion was had on ideas that city staff had on this.

Topics to consider include, energy efficiency and focus on energy grants, meeting with key department staff, and City Hall renovation.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS ON OTHER SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

5.1 Announcements to share with committee.No announcements were shared.

6. ADJOURN

6.1 Motion to Adjourn.Motion by Aaron Brault, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas to adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Next meeting is October 26, 2017.