

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

LAKEFRONT WATER SAFETY TASK GROUP

FEBRUARY 15, 2017 at 4: 00 PM

1. OPENING OF MEETING
Members Present: Superintendent of Parks and Forestry Joe Kerlin, Officer Jeff Mares of the Sheboygan Police Department, Alderperson John Belanger, Scott Hanson, Alderperson Scott Lewandoske, Randall Eigenberger of the Army Corps of Engineers, City Attorney Charles Adams, Jason Dwyer of the US Coast Guard, Sheboygan County Emergency Management Director Steven Steinhardt, Board of Marine, Parks, and Forestry Chairperson Mike Froh, and Deputy Chief Chuck Butler
Members Excused: Robert Stanick of the Army Corps of Engineers, Matt Wirzbach of SEAS, Karen Davis of Community Recreation Department, Planning and Development Director Chad Pelishek, and Larry Williams
Officials/Staff Present: Janet M Duellman

Chair Alderperson John Belanger called the meeting to order.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS FOR ACTION

2.1 Approval of minutes from January 18, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Steve Steinhardt to approve, seconded by Alderperson Scott Lewandoske.

Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Discussion and update on the creation of a map for Police, Fire, and Coast Guard along with sign design.

Janet M Duellman stated that the emergency personnel group met again as the committee requested.

They worked with the city to come to an agreement as to which postings would be physical signs, stenciled on a jetty or for emergency personnel only.

Janet further explained the changes from the previous map and answered Scott Lewandoske question in regards to sign visibility from water. Scott was

concerned about the US Coast Guard not being able to see the signs.

The US Coast Guard will be working off of GPS and would not be able to get their boats in close enough to visually see the signs.

The committee agreed with the changes to the map.

3.2 Discussion and update on Life Ring Locations and Emergency Phones

Joe Kerlin explained the existing and proposed life ring and emergency phone locations map.

He stated that the current monitoring of the life rings will continue along with the replacement of any life rings in need.

Joe further stated that the new proposed signs along the shoreline at north pier are for structural currents.

Aldersperson Scott Lewandoske inquired about an emergency phone at Lakeview Park by the Power Plant.

His concern is that the cell phone reception is poor in this area.

Aldersperson John Belanger stated that he would like to see one more life ring by Blue Harbor Beach. It was agreed upon to add another life ring at that site.

3.3 Discussion and update on the creation of Waterfront Policies (Pier Closures)

Joe Kerlin discussed the meeting that took place with city management and the emergency personnel from this committee.

He explained that they came up with the following procedure and picked out a gate that will be used to notify the public of dangerous conditions.

US Coast Guard will notify Dispatch of the Dangerous Conditions Dispatch will alert the Sheboygan Police Department of the Dangerous Conditions. Sheboygan Police Department will close the gates and send notice out on nixle, nextdoor, twitter, and facebook. US Coast Guard will notify Dispatch when the Dangerous Conditions have passed. Dispatch will notify the Sheboygan Police Department of

the all clear. Sheboygan Police Department to open gates and send notice out on nixle, nextdoor, twitter and facebook. Also a discussion took place as to the possibility of a seasonal hirer that would monitor the beach, fire pits, and help educate the public.

The Lakeshore Water Safety Task Group was very supportive of this.

3.4 Discussion on draft council report.

The committee reviewed the report and recommended a few minor changes and clarifications.

Those changes will be made for the final report and the final report will be reviewed at the next LWSTG meeting.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

4.1 Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

5. ADJOURN

5.1 Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Charles Adams to adjourn, seconded by Jeffery Mares.

Motion carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4: 40 p.m.

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