

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

LAKEFRONT WATER SAFETY TASK GROUP

JANUARY 18, 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, Planning and Development Director Chad Pelishek, Scott Hanson, Alderperson Scott Lewandoske, Randall Eigenberger of the Army Corps of Engineers, Larry Williams, Jason Dwyer of the US Coast Guard and Karen Davis of Community Recreation Department Members Excused: Robert Stanick of the Army Corps of Engineers, Matt Wirzbach of SEAS, City Attorney Charles Adams, and Alderperson John Belanger Members Absent: Sheboygan County Emergency Management Director Steven Steinhardt, Board of Marine, Parks, and Forestry Chairperson Mike Froh, and Deputy Chief Chuck Butler Officials/Staff Present: Janet M Duellman

Vice-Chair Alderperson Scott Lewandoske called the meeting to order.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS FOR ACTION

2.1 Approval of minutes from November 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Chad Pelishek to approve, seconded by Scott Hanson.

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 went through the maps and explained how the numbering system came about and the proposed sign locations. The committee expressed concerns about the number of signs, maintenance, vandalism, and physical sign vs. painted.

They also discussed having volunteer group help with maintenance of the signs or stenciling on the jetties.

The committee asked the emergency personnel group to re-visit the map to see if

any changes could be made.

3.2 Discussion and update on Sheboygan's Safety Video.

Chad Pelishek informed the group that he received an estimate in the amount of \$2500 to \$3500 for three videos.

The hotels have already been notified of the video and seem to be on board with running it.

Also, Ron Haese mentioned that he will be meeting with the Coast Guard on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Jason Dwyer confirmed.

3.3 Discussion and update on Beach Patrol Program and Warning System.

Joe Kerlin stated that the beach patrol was brought to light because of the fire rings.

The city is hoping to have a staff member or volunteer group monitoring Deland Beach on Friday and Saturday nights from Memorial Day to Labor Day to make sure the fire rings are being used properly and promote lakefront water safety.

As for the warning system, the committee talked about a flag system but didn't know who or how it would be maintained. Larry Williams suggested two to four flip down signs near water to warn beach goers of the dangerous rip currents. The committee liked the idea but as with the flag system they didn't know who or how it would be maintained.

Joe Kerlin made the suggestion of adding a couple of signs by the pier warning of structural rip currents. The committee was in favor of the structural rip current signs.

The city has currently been using social media (Nixle, Nextdoor, City website, radio, visitors guide, and Rec. Dept. booklet) to notify the public of water/pier safety conditions.

The committee recommends continuing the use of social media.

3.4 Discussion and update on the creation of Waterfront Policies (No Swim Zone/ No Jumping from Pier / Pier Closures)

The committee agreed not to proceed with No Swim Zone and No Jumping from Pier

because of jurisdiction and enforcement issues.

Joe Kerlin stated that if a pier closure policy is going to be created that he would like to have it in place sooner than later so education of the public can take place.

Questions from the committee included: Who would close the piers?

Who would re-open the piers? How they would be closed sign or barricade? How would the public be notified? Can the pier(s) be closed or does it have to be cautionary? After further discussions among the committee, they recommend that further dialog continue between the city attorney and other members of the city management team.

3.5 Discussion and update on Life Ring Locations and Emergency Phones

Joe Kerlin and Larry Williams located the existing life ring locations and noted that updating of the life rings is needed.

Joe also stated that he will be meeting with Janet M Duellman to create a map of the existing life rings.

3.6 Discussion on assumptions and work elements for the 2017 report.

Janet M Duellman passed out the 2008 - 2009 assumptions and work elements.

Janet asked the committee if they wanted any changes to be made.

No changes were recommended by the committee. Janet will work on a draft report for the February meeting.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

4.1 Next Meetings: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 and Wednesday, March 15, 2017

5. ADJOURN

5.1 Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Chad Pelishek to adjourn, seconded by Scott Hanson.

Motion passed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5: 04 p.m.

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