

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

AMENDED LAKEFRONT WATER SAFETY TASK GROUP

OCTOBER 19, 2016 at 4: 00 PM

1. OPENING OF MEETINGMembers Present: Superintendent of Parks and Forestry Joe Kerlin, Officer Jeff Mares of the Sheboygan Police Department, Planning & Development Director Chad Pelishek, Scott Hanson, Alderperson Scott Lewandoske, Jason Dwyer of the US Coast Guard, Sheboygan County Emergency Management Director Steven Steinhardt, Randall Eigenberger of the Army Corps of Engineers, Alderperson John Belanger, Deputy Chief Chuck Butler, Matt Wirzbach of SEAS, and Karen Davis of Community Recreation DepartmentMembers Excused: Board of Marine, Parks, and Forestry Chairperson Mike Froh, Robert Stanick of the Army Corps of Engineers, and City Attorney Charles AdamsMembers Absent: Larry Williams and Matt Bauer of Harbor Centre MarinaOfficials/Staff: Janet M Duellman Special Guests: Todd Breiby with Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS FOR ACTION

2.1 Approval of minutes from September 21, 2016 meeting.

Scott Hanson moved to approve, Charles Butler seconded.

Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Presentation by Todd Breiby -Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Chad Pelishek inquired if Wisconsin Coastal Management Program has done any videos regarding water safety in Wisconsin.

Todd Brieby stated that they haven t yet but that is the next step producing a video that has state specific information.

Along with training the Park Rangers and other personal that may need to perform a rescue.

Chad Pelishek asked if the model that they have in Port Washington is available to other communities.

Todd Brieby mentioned that it should be in the near future but for now they are still trying to validate the information gathered.

Joe Kerlin asked about a safety campaign.

Todd Brieby provided the website dangerouscurrents.org as a good place to look for information on different videos, water watch cards, and educational.

He also said the NOAA provides weather service data such as beach hazards, small craft advisors etc. Another site he mentioned was Wisconsin Beach Health which will provide information if the water is safe to swim in from a health prospective.

3.2 Discussion on Tom O'Bryan presentation (last meeting).

Janet M Duellman mentioned that she had attached the presentation to BoardDocs.

3.3 Discussion and update on project list along with assignment of duties -EDUCATION

1) Education of rip current/ structural currents/ pier safety:

Coast Guard and Fire Department currently promote these topics at the schools. Deputy Charles Butler stated that we just need to keep getting the message out there. Alderperson Scott Lewandoske mentioned creating a brochure for tourist about the dangers of the water. Alderperson John Belanger inquired if a water safety handout could be given out when you purchase your fishing licenses.2) DVD Chad Pelishek stated that he has been talking with Tom O Bryan in regards to whom made Respect the Power video and he has spoken to the hotels about playing the video.3) Pavilion/Onsite memorial: Committee members discussed and decided to put on hold for now. Input from victim s family is that they do not want this.4) Radio broadcasts WHBL Jason Dwyer of the Coast Guard did a segment on water safety.5) Website Banner: Janet M Duellman of City Development created a website banner that is on the home page of the City of Sheboygan website. People can click on it and it will take you to the NOAA page for water conditions.6) Advertisements: Karen Davis of the Community Recreation Department will continue the ad in the recreation booklets that get mailed to all area households. Joe Kerlin asked for suggestions as to how to better utilize the Deland Park sign for safety awareness. If anyone has something they would like to see on the sign to please let Joe Kerlin know. 7) Life Jacket loaner board This was discussed amongst the committee members and put on hold for now. There are concerns of life jackets not being returned, being switched out with non-regulatory jackets, and monitoring the board.8) Reward kids for wearing life jackets The committee asked Jason Dwyer if the

Coast Guard has a current program. Jason Dwyer stated that if the Coast Guard is given things from local businesses they do hand them out as rewards. Steve Steinhardt left at 4: 55 p.m.

3.4 Discussion and update on project list along with assignment of duties -WATERFRONT WARNING SYSTEM

1) Signs Joe Kerlin stated that the new signs have been installed and presented pictures of the signs to the committee. 2) Closing of pier(s) Develop Policy and Procedure Currently Coast Guard notifies Dispatch of unsafe conditions. Dispatch sends an officer to close the pier. If no barricades/signs are present DPW is called bring them to the pier. Coast Guard will issue an all clear. Problem with current procedure is that sometimes after all clear is given the barricades/signs are not removed making people question the barricades/signs. Randall Eigenberger is going to look at other communities and their policies. 3)

Warning system The committee discussed flags, reader board sign, flip signs, red/green lights, and permanent barricades. Questions they had were who is going to be reasonable for making sure they are changed, and legal ramifications if it is on safe and something happens to someone because the lake conditions change so fast. Further discussion is needed.

3.5 Discussion and update on project list along with assignment of duties
-EMERGENCY RESPONSE & LIFE SAVING DEVICES Deputy Charles Butler inquired about number/lettering the piers/jettys so when someone calls 911 Dispatch can ask for that information making it easier to locate the individual(s) in trouble. Jason Dwyer -US Coast Guard, Officer Jeff Mares, Deputy Charles Butler, Chad Pelishek, and Janet M Duellman will work on creating a map with common terminology for US Coast, Police and Fire. 1)

Life Rings and 2) Emergency Phones Joe Kerlin and Mike Willmas will look into what is need to have the life rings automatically call 911 and installing cameras on the emergency phones. Larry Williams and Joe Kerlin will look at existing locations and possible new locations. 3)

Police have lifesaving gear in vehicles Both Police and Fire have lifesaving gear in all vehicles.

3.6 Discussion and update on project list along with assignment of duties REGULATIONS

Speak to EOS about requiring their patrons to wear life jackets Chad Pelishek stated that he will contact them about their policies. 2)

No swimming zones next to structures (150 to 300) and 3) No jumping off piers/maintaining availability for surfers. Committee inquired about how to mark no swim zones and enforcement. Joe Kerlin stated that Larry Williams will want to be involved in this. Randall Eigenberger stated that he could look into other communities. Joe Kerlin mentioned that Assistant City Attorney Rose Simon-Silva should be part of this for legality reasons.

3.7 Discussion and update on project list along with assignment of duties

OTHER

1) Update Sheboygan area water rescue report Jason Dwyer, Joe Kerlin and Deputy Charles Butler are to work on getting up-to-date numbers.

3.8 Short term project update: Pier Signage, RIP current ad in visitors guide, radio broadcast, and website banner Joe Kerlin mentioned that the New Pier Signage is already in place. RIP Current ad will be placed in the visitors guide per Chad Pelishek. Jason Dwyer has done a radio broadcast on water safety. A Beach Hazard website banner has been created by Janet M Duellman and placed on the City of Sheboygan s website.

3.9 Discussion on Kathleen Blaney letter to Mayor Vandersteen Joe Kerlin asked the group if they could meet at 5: 00 p.m. on November 16, 2016 so Kathleen Blaney and other family members would be able to attend.The earliest they can be in Sheboygan is 5: 00 p.m. The committee requested Joe Kerlin work with the Mayor to write a letter to Kathleen Blaney to update her and the family on what the committee is doing.

3.10 Discussion on next steps Joe Kerlin and Mayor to write a letter to Kathleen Blaney informing her of what the committee is doing. City to work with Cardinal on possible intern help monitor the beach. Jason Dwyer, Jeff Mares, Charles Butler, Chad Pelishek and Janet Duellman to create a map for Fire, Police, and Coast Guard to use for locating individuals in need of assistance. Chad Pelishek to contact EOS about life jacket policy. Chad Pelishek to create video for hotels. Randall Eigenberger to contact other communities in regards to their policies for closing piers and no swim zones/no jumping off piers. Randall Eigenberger will look into grant opportunities. Joe Kerlin and Mike Willmas to look into Life Ring/ Emergency Phones. Larry Williams, Assistant City Attorney Rose Simon-Silva and Randall Eigenberger to work on no swimming zones and no jumping off pier policy. Jason Dwyer, Charles Butler, and Joe Kerlin to work on up-to-date numbers for the water rescue report. Larry Williams and Joe Kerlin will look at existing/new locations and provide recommendations to the committee

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

4.1 Next Meetings: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 and Wednesday, December 14, 2016

5. ADJOURN

5.1 Motion to Adjourn

Deputy Charles Butler moved to adjourn, Scott Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5: 38 p.m.

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