

**MINUTES**  
**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE**

**Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 12:00 PM**

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin  
Third Floor Conference Room

**Present:** Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Sean Hurley, Chad Pelishek, Heather Cleveland, Mayor Vandersteen, Ald. Bryan Bitters, Pete Pittner, John Hill, Aaron Brault, Brian Schwaller, Joe Kerlin-DPW (quorum present)  
**Excused:** Mark Pawasara, Rebecca Clarke, Laura Gumm, Greg Ryan  
**Citizen Observers:** Janet Ross and Karen McFadzen

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Ald. Bitters with the Pledge of Allegiance. The January 22, 2015 minutes were approved.

**Task Force Membership** - Task Force members were reminded to notify Mayor Vandersteen by March 31<sup>st</sup> whether they wish to stay on this committee. John Hill will be retiring as school board rep, and Mayor Vandersteen will find a replacement from the school district.

**Home Solar Project** – Chris Merlein from Arc Electric outlined a solar initiative that his company is offering to Sheboygan County homeowners and businesses. At a base bid of approx. \$3.10 per watt, Arc Electric will install solar electrical systems for interested parties by the end of 2015. Merlein sees SSTF as an educational arm to get the word out to the public. Informational meetings are listed at [www.solarsheboygan.com](http://www.solarsheboygan.com). Tax credits, focus on energy rebates and a possible solar Sheboygan check (based on successful country participation) are additional incentives for those installing solar systems. Arc Electric's goal for Sheboygan County is 100 KW participation. Arc has already completed three successful programs in Milwaukee.

**Green Tier Annual Report** – Chad Pelishek presented the Green Tier Annual Report for 2014. After some discussion about the document's scoring, the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force unanimously approved the report sending it onto the Common Council for final approval and submission to Green Tier. The Task Force commended Chad and his department for their work on the report. The report will be referenced on the city's website. Sheboygan's recycling brochure has also been mailed with the city water bills.

**Focus Group reports:**

**Education and Promotion** – Heather Cleveland and Rebecca Clarke completed the Sustainable Spotlight video on energy by featuring the Home Solar project promoted by Arc Electric. The next video will present bike safety information. (Chad will send out the link to the solar video.) Jeanne Kliejunas reported that the DNR website has helpful recycling information. Rebecca Clarke reviewed the city's recycling ordinance and is in touch with city authorities regarding how the ordinance is being enforced. Some suggestions for recycling slogans were: "Blue is the new green," or "Separate your trash – save some ca\$h." Heather intends to do educational outreach through stores selling blue bags. The mayor has asked DPW for monthly reports on recycling tonnage from city locations.

**Water and Natural and Natural Resources** – Scott Hanson reported that rain barrels will be ready at Maywood soon. The focus group also discussed with the city forestry how roundabouts and boulevards might use no mow plants to save labor and conserve resources. The first electronics and hazardous waste collection is scheduled for April 11, 2015 at Maywood. \$25 per car for electronics - \$10 for just hazardous waste.

**Planning and Transportation** – Aaron Brault reported that the Taylor drive bikeway is scheduled for bid July, 2015, the Shoreline 400 trail will be extended to North Ave. and sidewalk extensions will continue this summer.

**Actions for next meeting** –

- Press release on recycling campaign
- Recycling slogan... school participation???

**Next meeting – Thursday, May 28, 2015 at noon.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary