

CITY OF TONKA BAY Shoreline Safety Committee

MINUTES SHORELINE SAFETY COMMITTEE August 25th, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Shoreline Safety Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present included Elli Ansari, Ed Bauman, David Wheaton, Jim Penberthy and Joe Kohlmann.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

3. Discussion the Memo Regarding County Road 19

Committee Chair Ansari provided an overview of the process and goals of the committee. Kohlmann provided an overview on the Staff Memo and attachments provide for the committee. Bauman stated that he supports access to the lake and mentioned the factors of the past spring that included higher water and a much cooler spring than normal. Wheaton expressed his concern about potential safety issues. Some of his observations included: people swerving to avoid fisherpersons and potential security issues. He then wanted to discuss any potential for posting land and parking. Ansari stated that the focus of the discussion would be on parking restrictions. Bauman noted that the DNR could provide insight into the timeframe that fish come into the area. He noted that no one is fishing there currently. Bauman noted that he was there to review safety situations and not support unsafe activities. Ansari asked if there were more safe alternatives on County Road 15. Bauman noted that people showed up even after signage was placed by the County. Penberthy noted, as a result of Council Action this spring, that there is no fishing and no parking on West Point. He also noted there was no parking on Interlachen for the time period of fishing activities. Bauman expressed concern about creating parking issues for things such as graduation parties. There was then discussion about no parking restrictions and how they can be applied. There was discussion about permit parking. Penberthy suggested the most effective method would be to restrict parking by dates. The committee discussed no parking restrictions by date. Bauman suggested that not all of Interlachen should be included. Ansari noted that the previous no parking restrictions reduced congestion and traffic. Penberthy asked what the committee thought about no parking restrictions by date? The committee seemed in agreement that it was the most feasible way to regulate any potential safety issues that may arise. Bauman noted that only the first block on Interlachen should be considered for no parking restrictions. There was brief discussion on Circle Road parking restrictions.

It was decided not to include Circle Road. Bauman suggested that the City review the signage annually. Ansari also noted that would provide some flexibility. Bauman suggested the dates for the parking restrictions should only be limited to the time period of fishing in the area. There was discussion about the time period for the signage dates where parking should be prohibited. Interchangeable signage was discussed. It was noted that a recommendation should be brought forward on the dates for parking restrictions. The next meeting date would be set for an upcoming Monday.

4. Next Meeting Date and Time

The Committee decided it should meet again on an upcoming Monday, schedules permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.