

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF THE WATER SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Location: Department of Public Works, 7200 Eighteen Mile, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

1. Meeting called to order and roll call.

DPW Director Michael Moore called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

2. Roll call

Members present: Richard Giltz, Michael Moore, Jim Nichols, Joseph Niman, Jr., Hannah Tadros
Also present: Erik Skurda, Operations Manager; Melanie Ryska, City Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Giltz, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All
Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Director Moore noted that there are no minutes to approve because this is the Boards first meeting.

5. Introduction of Members

- a) Council Appointee, Joseph Niman

Mr. Niman stated that he has been a resident of Sterling Heights for over 50 years, is a member of the Election Commission, and has an interest in water safety.

- b) Council Appointee, Richard Giltz

Mr. Giltz stated that he is a resident of the City and active member of the business community, as a home inspector.

- c) City of Sterling Heights, Public Works Director, Michael Moore

- d) City of Sterling Heights, Public Works Supervisor, Jim Nichols

- e) City of Sterling Heights, Risk Management Coordinator, Hannah Tadros

6. Election of a Chairperson

Motion by Moore, seconded by Niman, to appoint Jim Nichols as Chair of the Water Safety Advisory Council.

Yes: All
Motion carried.

7. Approval of By-Laws

Chair Nichols opened discussion regarding the Board By-Laws, noting that the City Council created the Water Safety Advisory Council in response to the recent MDEQ mandate, with the primary objectives of the Board being to:

- a) Develop plans for continuing public awareness about lead in drinking water.
- b) Review public awareness materials provided by the State Advisory Council.
- c) Advise the City Council as to remediation and public education plans if a lead action level is exceeded.
- d) Assist in promoting transparency of all data and documents related to lead in drinking water.
- e) Advise the City Council on the replacement of lead service lines.
- f) Collaborate with community groups in educating the public about lead in drinking water.

The Board discussed their objectives.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Niman, to approve the by-laws with the addition of further details to follow.

Yes: All
Motion carried.

8. Approval of Meeting Schedule

Director Moore recommended the next meeting be held March 28, 2019 to allow time to gather more information on the goals of the Board. Chair Nichols will provide members with additional information from the DEQ. A more definitive meeting schedule will be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Nichols, that the next Water Safety Advisory Council meeting be held on March 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Yes: All
Motion carried.

9. Communications from Citizens – None.

10. New Business

The Board discussed current lead and copper testing procedures of the City of Sterling Heights and upcoming changes to the rule.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Moore, seconded by Niman, to adjourn the meeting at 1:49pm.

Yes: All
Motion carried.