

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level Conference Room of the Mason County Sheriff Office & via Zoom. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Ray Hasil, Karen Ripke, Shannon Stickney, Joe Stickney, John O'Connor, Holli Werner, Jackie Cole, Melissa Alvarado, Janet Vyse-Staszak, Fabian Knizacky, Jerry Funk. Committee meeting was hosted virtually and in-person to accommodate CoVID-19 restrictions.

Motion by R. Hasil and seconded by J. Stickney to approve the agenda for the June 16, 2020 meeting and the minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Notifications/Correspondence Received: No formal Correspondence. Whitehall Industries made an inquiry about the future purchase of new intrusion equipment and how that would affect their chemical thresholds. They agreed having an Off-Site Emergency Response would be good at that time.

HMEP Grant Updates: Plans will be submitted by July 1, 2020.

Hazard Mitigation Updates: No update on hazard mitigation grant from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC).

CodeRED Update: Liz updated on enrollment numbers. Oceana has withdrawn resulting in a drop in numbers.

A: Beach Safety Opt-In Notification Group: LEPC Group was supportive of the Mason Beach Safety Group name.

Pere Marquette River Safety Planning: Liz is working with the State to do a dashboard GIS mapping of the PM River since a public meeting wasn't feasible during CoVID-19.

Upcoming Events & Dates: No events or trainings planned.

Agency Updates/ Roundtable:

J. Stickney: City of Ludington have a number of high water issues. Loomis Street is closed for construction projects until September 2020. Swim buoys are being installed at Stearns Beach.

J. Vyse-Staszak: DHHS working on re-opening plan.

H. Werner: Spectrum Ludington Hospital is doing COVID-19 testing and visitors are still limited.

J. O'Connor: Mason County Airport traffic is picking up.

K. Ripke: Health Department is opening and taking lots of re-opening questions. Setting up testing sites and Mason County testing is scheduled for July 15-16.

J. Cole of the US EPA for Michigan will be joining the group on a regular basis.

Any Other Business: No other business was reported

Adjournment: 4:30 pm.

Next Meeting August 18, 2020.