

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

February 1, 2017

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Sabrina Edmunds, Tana LaPlaca and Peter Kleban

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Gail Gratzel, Gina McConeghy and Maryann Lang

Absent: Raymond Holmes and Kathleen Greene

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Board of Health (BOH) Secretary, Ms. Lang, took roll call and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kleban made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski asked Assistant Health Officer, Ms. Gratzel, if the license payment reports can be adjusted to show the complete expiration date, as the last digit of the year is currently missing. Ms. Gratzel stated that she will do so.

Ms. Nucci asked for details regarding the bathing re-inspection listed in the October report. Ms. Gratzel did not know the details of this incident, as it would have been handled by former employee, Jacqueline Bourdony, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS). Ms. Lang stated that there was a complaint involving the Brooklake Country Club pool. The pool was "shocked" and re-inspected. She stated she couldn't be sure that this was the incident referenced in the report, as it was many months ago.

Board members questioned the dog bite investigation listed in the October report. Ms. Gratzel did not know the details of this particular incident. Ms. Lang stated that there were several bites over several months, so she couldn't remember specifics of this case either. She offered to go to the Health office to look at the files and get the details. Board members decided that wasn't necessary.

Board members asked for additional information regarding the cats that were impounded, referenced in the November report. Ms. Gratzel stated that she believed the cats were from Sun Valley, and were adopted. Ms. Lang confirmed that kittens have been trapped at both the Sun Valley and Riverbend complexes.

Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. Lang for an update on 2017 pet licensing. Ms. Lang stated that approximately half of the dog and cat owners have licensed their pets. Delinquent notices are being mailed on February 2, 2017.

Council Liaison Tom Michalowski asked if there is additional information regarding the infant botulism case referenced in the December monthly report. Ms. Gratzel stated that she would ask the public health nurses and provide the information to the Board.

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to accept the reports which included: Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for November and December 2016; 2016 Florham Park Board of Health year-end report (with spelling correction); Pequannock Township monthly report for October, November and December of 2016. Ms. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report of the Health Officer:

Ms. Gratzel provided the report on behalf of Peter Correale, Health Officer for Florham Park. Ms. Gratzel introduced new hire Gina McConeghy, REHS. Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. McConeghy to provide a little of her background to the Board. Ms. McConeghy stated that she worked part time for five years, for the towns of Ringwood, Wanaque and Haskell as an REHS.

Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. McConeghy how things were going so far in Florham Park with inspections. She stated that things were going fine with the businesses she has visited so far. She has issued a few "conditional" ratings, but the businesses were okay with the corrective actions that were needed.

Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. Gratzel if there is anything that can be done to educate the public regarding the flu. She stated that other than getting a flu shot, basic hygiene steps, staying out of crowds, there really isn't anything else that can be done. The public health nurses have gone to schools to teach the importance of hand washing to the children.

Ms. Gratzel stated that there are several health programs that Pequannock is currently working on and are listed on the agenda under "New Business".

New Business:

BOH presentation: roles and responsibilities:

Due to technical difficulties, Ms. Gratzel was unable to conduct the presentation. It will be presented at the next BOH meeting.

Mental health first aid for first responders:

Ms. Gratzel stated that this is a program for first responders, that will be available in 2017 at the Madison YMCA. It will provide a better understanding of mental illnesses, and provide information on how to de-escalate incidents in the field.

2017 winter/spring programs:

- Possible poison prevention poster contest at schools. Ms. LaPlaca volunteered to be a judge.
- The public health nurses are planning the skin cancer screening to be held at the Florham Park pool.
- There will be a food handler class this month.
- Project Healthy Bones, a class for osteoporosis prevention. Ms. Gratzel stated that both she, and Jean Vrablik, public health nurse, have been trained to lead this program.

Unfinished Business:

- none

Bills:

Bills were reviewed and acknowledged by the Board.

Ratification of Licenses:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to ratify the licenses issued in November and December of 2016 and January of 2017. Mr. Wisnewski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:31 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:31 pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm, Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary