

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

June 28, 2017

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Sabrina Edmunds, Raymond Holmes, Peter Kleban and Tana LaPlaca (arrived at 7:10 pm)

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

Absent: 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:

Ms. Edmunds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. Ms. Nucci seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Ms. Nucci inquired about the cat poisoning listed in the February Pequannock Township report. Ms. McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, responded that a resident of the Sun Valley complex was trying to poison cats with aloe. A Florham Park police officer met with the resident and advised her that this is an illegal act, and to desist.

Ms. Nucci inquired about the conditional rating of Café 18 listed in the April Pequannock Township report. Ms. McConeghy stated that the establishment now has a satisfactory rating.

Mr. Moore asked for clarification regarding the notation that a Zika case was approved for testing in the April Pequannock Township report. Ms. Gratzel, Assistant Health Officer, stated that the State of New Jersey sets criteria on when cases get tested. He asked if the Health Department received results of the test. Ms. Gratzel said she did not know, but would check with the Public Health Nurses in Pequannock.

Ms. Nucci asked for clarification on the response to various animal control calls listed in the Vital Statistics monthly reports. Ms. Lang, Board of Health Secretary, responded that animal control calls go through the Florham Park Police Department. The police respond to the calls and, if needed, will request that Millburn respond.

Mr. Michalowski, Council Liaison, asked if Hunan Wok's recent inspections have been satisfactory. Ms. McConeghy responded that the establishment is much improved. Their manager attended the Food Handler's training class. Ms. McConeghy is planning to inspect them again soon. Mr. Wisnewski asked if there are any fines with repeat occurrences, as was the case for Hunan Wok. She stated that she did not issue them a summons. However, she felt that there was a cost to the business. They were closed for about a week to make the necessary corrections, so they could reopen. Mr. Wisnewski asked how food inspections, in the town as a whole, have been going. Ms. McConeghy responded that they are going well.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if pool inspections went smoothly. Ms. McConeghy stated that they all went well. Avalon and Center Court Athletic had some issues surrounding the pools that may lead to mosquito breeding. The Morris County Mosquito Commission may have to investigate and treat.

Approval of Reports (continued):

Mr. Wisnewski asked if there is anything residents can do to protect themselves against the Asian Tiger Mosquito. Ms. Gratzel stated that there are educational materials she will provide to the Borough regarding mosquitoes, Zika, etc.

Ms. Nucci asked if a dog (not therapy or Seeing Eye) may be present in a nail salon. Ms. Gratzel stated that this is not allowed. She said to notify the Health Department the next time she witnesses this. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs would handle this type of complaint.

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to approve the reports which included: Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for January, February, March, April, and May; Pequannock Township monthly report for January, February, March, April and May; Pequannock Township 2017 year-to-date report; and, Pequannock Township inspection activity report. 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. She informed the Board that she received grant money to hold "Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety" classes, for first responders. The classes will be held in Florham Park in October. She is working with Atlantic Health on continuing education credits for this class. Mr. Michalowski requested that the Chiefs be advised of the program.

Ms. Gratzel advised the Board that the Pequannock Health Department was audited by the NJ State Department of Health in April. They did very well, with only minimal suggestions for improvement. One being that the Pequannock Township Council, who also serve as the Board of Health, meet once per year as the Board of Health. Mr. Wisnewski asked if there was a previous audit and she responded that there was not. He asked when they would be audited again, and she stated that she did not know.

Mr. Moore thanked the Pequannock Health Department for arranging the skin cancer screening that took place at the Florham Park pool on June 17th. He asked if we knew the outcome. Ms. Lang stated that she received the following statistics from the Public Health Nurse: total of 33 participants (29 were Florham Park residents). Ten were referred for further evaluation.

New Business:Appointment of new Deputy Registrar:

Ms. Lang advised the Board that Lisa DiTaranto, Assistant to the Clerk, has been appointed as Deputy Registrar. Borough Administration felt that having an additional person trained would be beneficial. Ms. DiTaranto has taken the required classes, and has passed the exam to be a Certified Municipal Registrar. Marlene Rawson will be the Alternate Deputy Registrar.

BOH presentation: roles and responsibilities:

Ms. Gratzel conducted this Power Point presentation for Board Members. It covered the roles and responsibilities of being a member of the BOH.

Bed bug information for libraries:

Ms. Gratzel advised the Board that one of the towns that Pequannock contracts with has had a problem with bed bugs in their library. She provided information to the Director of the Florham Park Library, so that the library can become more aware of this potential problem. Some towns have adopted policies where a person would be restricted from using the library, if they were found to have brought bed bugs into the library. Florham Park does not have an official policy at this time.

New Business (continued):**Tobacco ordinances:**

Karen Blumenfeld, Esq., the Executive Director from Global Advisors Smokefree Policy (GASP), was in attendance. She provided a brief presentation regarding raising the age of sale for tobacco and e-cigarettes to twenty one, and requiring a local retail license for retailers who sell e-cigarettes. She stated that New Jersey's bill to raise the age of the sale of cigarettes to twenty one was vetoed by Governor Chris Christie. It has been reintroduced, and the Governor has forty five days to review it. She informed the Board that twenty six towns in New Jersey have enacted ordinances that require the age of sale be twenty one to be sold tobacco and electronic smoking devices. Board members asked how towns could implement their own law, if the State hasn't adopted a law. They questioned if there would be legal issues. She stated that she didn't feel that the town's ordinance would be overturned legally. Board members also questioned that if Florham Park passes an ordinance, but neighboring towns don't, the young person could just buy the cigarettes and e-cigarettes elsewhere. Ms. Blumenfeld responded that there are studies that show there is still a reduction in smoking, if you limit access.

Ms. Blumenfeld went on to discuss the benefits of requiring retailers who sell e-cigarettes to obtain a license from the town. It enables the town to track who is selling e-cigarettes. It also allows the Health Department to ensure compliance that retailers are not selling to under age individuals. Annual licensing fees can be used for education and compliance programs. Twenty towns in New Jersey now have e-cigarette laws.

A handout was provided to Board members that provided additional information regarding raising the age of sale of tobacco and licensing retailers of e-cigarettes. The Board decided to have the Mayor and Council review the material and provide their opinion. Ms. Blumenfeld offered to conduct a presentation for them as well. Mr. Moore asked the Board Secretary to put this topic on the next BOH agenda, September 6, 2017, for further discussion.

Unfinished Business:

- none

Bills:

Bills were reviewed and acknowledged by the Board. As the Mayor and Council review and approve payment for Borough bills, Ms. Lang asked if the Board would like to continue to receive this information. They stated that it wasn't necessary. Therefore, bills will be omitted from future agendas.

Ratification of Licenses:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to ratify the licenses issued in February, March, April, and May. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 8:30 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 8:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary