

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

November 1, 2017

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci and Kathleen Greene
Tana LaPlaca (arrived at 7:45)

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

Absent: Raymond Holmes, Sabrina Edmunds, Peter Kleban

Mr. Moore, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Board of Health (BOH) Secretary, Maryann Lang, took roll call and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Nucci made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting. Mr. Wisnewski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski noted that the skin cancer screening, held in June, provided a valuable health service to participants. Out of thirty three participants, ten were referred for further evaluation. The screening has been offered for the past two years. Mr. Wisnewski suggested that it would be a good program to continue offering on an annual basis.

The Board asked for an update regarding the ongoing feral cat situation at Sun Valley and Riverbend, noted in the August Pequannock Township report. Ms. McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), responded that maintenance work to deter the cats, is still not completed. Cameras, to determine who is feeding the cats, have not been installed yet. Ms. McConeghy stated that a lot of the cats are in the woods, and marshy area, of these complexes. These areas will probably be fenced off in the spring. Christianne Smith, Animal Control Officer in Pequannock, is working with Sun Valley and Riverbend with trapping kittens and then adopting them out. Mr. Wisnewski asked if Pequannock has an idea of how many feral cats are located at Riverbend and Sun Valley. Ms. McConeghy did not have a firm number.

Mr. Moore commented on the number of Tobacco Age of Sale (TASE) inspection violations reported in the 2016 Pequannock Township report. Out of four establishments inspected, three failed. Mr. Michalowski, Council Liaison, asked what the fines were for the TASE violations. Ms. Gratzel, Assistant Health Officer, responded that a first offense is \$250.00; second, \$500; third, \$1,000. Board members asked if the fines can be increased, as they felt that would make the businesses do a better job of checking identifications. Ms. Gratzel wasn't sure if the fines can be changed, as the fines are set by the State. Ms. Gratzel stated that Pequannock also notified all establishments, which sell tobacco products in Florham Park, about the change in the law regarding age of sale. Owners were reminded of their responsibility to check identifications of buyers.

Mr. Wisnewski asked for additional information about the two conditional inspections at Kyoto. Board members asked if there is a management problem at the restaurant. Ms. McConeghy responded that it is a combination of things. The kitchen equipment is dirty. Ms. McConeghy stated that only one food handler had a Food Handler's Certificate. There is a language barrier when explaining things to workers. Mr. Michalowski asked if it is the Health Department's responsibility to offer a Food Handler's class in their language. Ms. McConeghy responded that it is not. There are classes online and in other towns, given in many languages. Board members asked if there was a fine associated with the conditional ratings. Ms. McConeghy responded that there was not. Mr. Michalowski commented that he thought there were fines associated with workers not receiving their Food Handler's certification within six months of being hired.

Approval of Reports (continued):

Ms. Gratzel confirmed that this is correct. Board members felt that if workers don't go for the training, and there is a fine associated with each worker, it will get management to comply with the training requirement. Board members asked if the Health Department has received any complaints regarding this restaurant. No complaints have been received.

Board members asked if the Hunan Wok is having satisfactory inspections. Ms. McConeghy responded that they are. She stated that she has seen a great deal of improvement in this establishment. In addition, workers have their Food Handlers Certifications.

Mr. Wisniewski asked for an update on the Legionnaires case. Ms. Gratzel responded that sampling has continued with no further issues. She went on to say that sampling will continue, though intervals between sampling, may be longer.

Board members complimented Ms. Gratzel on the 2016 Pequannock Health Report, which provided a great deal of valuable information.

Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to approve the reports which included: Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for September and October; Pequannock Township monthly report for June (revised descriptive), August and September; Pequannock Township 2017 year-to-date report; Pequannock Township inspection activity report for Florham Park through October; and, 2016 Pequannock Township Health Report. Mrs. Greene seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report of the Health Officer:

Ms. Gratzel provided the report on behalf of Health Officer, Peter Correale. She stated that eight people attended the mental health class for first responders. Ms. Gratzel and Ms. McConeghy attended the class. There are funds to hold another class if it is requested.

Mr. Wisniewski questioned if the 2018 budget is set. Ms. Lang responded that the budget information has been provided to Florham Park's Chief Financial Officer, Patrice Visco.

New Business:**2018 Board of Health meeting dates:**

The following dates were approved by Board Members for 2018: February 7, April 4, June 6, September 5 and November 7.

Unfinished Business:**E-Cigarette Ordinance:**

Mr. Moore provided a brief overview of what he has learned upon reading various materials regarding e-cigarettes, and also by visiting a "vape" shop in East Hanover. Licensing was researched by Borough Attorney, Joseph Bell IV. It was determined that e-cigarette products, that do not contain tobacco, are not currently licensed by the State. Therefore, they may be licensed by the Borough. Discussion among Board Members revolved around the following:

- . A proposed ordinance must be clear as to what is being licensed, and must have a sunset clause
- . Future testing, manufacturing and regulation of the product(s)
- . Health risks -- Board members would like to read more studies on the subject
- . Possible "targeting" of young individuals with product flavors
- . Possible State and Federal taxation
- . Possible future licensing by State

Unfinished Business (continued):

E-Cigarette Ordinance (continued):

Mr. Wisnewski asked Mr. Michalowski where the Mayor and Council stood on the licensing of e-cigarettes. Mr. Michalowski stated that they felt it was a Board of Health decision. It was decided to place the subject on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting, February 7, 2018.

Ratification of Licenses:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to ratify the licenses issued in September. There were no licenses issued in October. 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 8:09 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 8:09 pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. Nucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Ms. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary