

## FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

September 6, 2017

### Minutes

**Present:** Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Peter Kleban, Kathleen Greene and Tana LaPlaca (arrived 7:20)

**Also present:** Thomas Michalowski, Gail Gratzel and Maryann Lang

**Absent:** Raymond Holmes and Sabrina Edmunds

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 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:**

Mr. Kleban made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting. Ms. Nucci seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

#### **Approval of Reports:**

Mr. Wisnewski asked for details on the six complaints, three investigations and two enforcements that were referenced in the June Pequannock Township monthly report. Gail Gratzel, Assistant Health Officer, responded that she will look into it.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if the ten impounded cats, referenced in the July report, were from the Sun Valley and Riverbend complexes. Ms. Gratzel responded that they were. Ms. Lang added that some of the kittens were also from different neighborhoods in town. Mr. Wisnewski asked if they were adoptable, and Ms. Gratzel said that they were. Mr. Wisnewski asked if the walk through of the Riverbend and Sun Valley complexes, referenced in the July report, took place. Ms. Gratzel stated that Christianne Smith, Animal Control Officer for Pequannock, and Gina McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), did complete the walk through. Some of the maintenance work, recommended by the Health Department to deter the feral cat population, has not been completed. The cameras, to determine who is feeding the feral cats, have not been installed yet.

Mr. Michalowski, Council Liaison, asked what "DP" represents on the Pequannock Township reports. Ms. Gratzel stated that it means "disposition pending". This would occur when, during a preoperational food establishment inspection, everything isn't quite completed. The REHS would need to go back a second time to finish the inspection.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if the year-to-date report is through August, as it doesn't state so. Ms. Gratzel felt it represented activity through July. Mr. Wisnewski questioned if the eight total licenses, under food surveillance, is accurate. Ms. Gratzel felt it might be an error. She stated that the figures provided under the other categories are higher, and appear to be correct. Mr. Wisnewski asked if the Health Department is on track with having all food establishments inspected by year end. Ms. Gratzel responded that Ms. McConeghy is on schedule with inspections.

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to approve the reports which included: Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for June, July and August; Pequannock Township monthly report for June and July; Pequannock Township 2017 year-to-date report; and, Pequannock Township inspection activity report. Mr. Moore 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 the “Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety” classes, for first responders, have been scheduled for October 18 and October 25. There wasn’t as big of a response as had been expected. Mr. Kleban suggested that maybe the low response was due to classes being held during the work day. Ms. Gratzel responded that there was initially a Saturday class scheduled, but was cancelled due to a lack of registrations. Ms. Gratzel advised the Board that a class can be scheduled if a group requests it.

Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. Gratzel what steps Morris County is taking in educating the community about the opioid crisis. She responded that there have been numerous programs offered through a variety of agencies and schools. Ms. LaPlaca added that as a health care prescriber, the process to prescribe drugs is much more stringent than it used to be. Mr. Michalowski stated that when an overdose case arrives at the hospital, counselors are provided to meet with the patient quickly. The hope is that the sooner a patient is counseled, the better chance of overcoming the drug addiction. The overall sentiment, from the health professionals on the Board, was that people will often turn to illegal drugs which are easy to obtain.

**New Business:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**E-Cigarette Ordinance

Several businesses in Florham Park sell e-cigarette merchandise. Ms. Gratzel stated there is no e-cigarette licensing through the State, as there is for tobacco. This is why many towns are passing ordinances to license businesses that sell e-cigarette materials. This ensures compliance with licensing, inspections and enforcement.

The Board asked Ms. Gratzel if neighboring towns have passed this type of ordinance, and what their fees are. She said she will look into it. The sample ordinance, provided by Pequannock Township, reflected a \$750.00 licensing fee. This seemed high to Board Members. Ms. Gratzel stated that the Board can set their own fee. Ms. Gratzel suggested that licensing fees may go towards inspections and community education. Mr. Wisnewski questioned whether the money could be deposited into a separate account for that purpose, as most licensing fees go into a general account. Mr. Wisnewski asked if Pequannock Township has passed an e-cigarette ordinance. Ms. Gratzel responded that it is on the agenda for discussion for either September or October. She stated Bloomingdale passed an e-cigarette ordinance. Ms. Nucci asked what assisted them in their decision to move forward with the ordinance. Ms. Gratzel responded that neighboring towns had approved similar ordinances.

Mr. Michalowski stated that he brought the e-cigarette topic to the Mayor and Council’s attention. They were open to an ordinance regarding e-cigarette licensing. The Board asked him to bring it to their attention once again, specifically in regard to licensing fees. Mr. Moore asked the Board Secretary to put this item on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting.

**Ratification of Licenses:**

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to ratify the licenses issued in June, July and August. Ms. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

**Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:**

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 8:00 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 8:00 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Nucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Mr. Kleban seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary