

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

June 5, 2019

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Sabrina Edmunds, Peter Kleban, Jo-Anna Finegan, Tana LaPlaca (arrived 7:15)

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Gina McConeghy and Maryann Lang

Absent: Raymond Holmes and Kathleen Greene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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:

Ms. Nucci made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting. Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski asked how serious the gastrointestinal outbreak at Brighton Gardens, referenced in the Pequannock April report was. Ms. McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), wasn't sure but said she would check with the public health nurses.

Mr. Wisnewski asked for additional information regarding the conditional inspection rating for the Florham Park Recreation facility on Elm Street, referenced in the inspection activity report. Ms. McConeghy responded that the facility is used by volunteers from different sports groups. When she visited the facility with John Timmons, Recreation Director, the kitchen was not clean. She stated that the cleanliness of the facility needs to be addressed with the various groups using it. Ms. McConeghy suggested that the facility be inspected before the start of each sport season, and again when that group is done. This will provide more accountability. She also stated that volunteers will be invited to Food Handlers Classes.

Mr. Moore asked who is responsible for the facility. He stated that if parents are volunteering to work at the facility, they need to take it seriously. Otherwise, they may cause a food borne illness. Ms. McConeghy responded that John Timmons is in charge of the facility. She stated that he is willing to do what needs to be done to provide a safe food environment at the facility.

Ms. McConeghy stated that another area that needs to be addressed at the Elm Street facility, are groups preparing food from home and selling it at the facility. There should be a sign, at the facility, stating that food has been prepared in a non-commercial kitchen that does not undergo an inspection by the Health Department. She stated that groups may prepare food at the facility, as it undergoes a health inspection. Mr. Wisnewski asked if the various sport groups are paying a food license fee. Ms. McConeghy responded that there aren't individual licensing fees at the present time, just for the facility as a whole.

Mr. Moore asked about the brownish water complaint regarding Sun Valley, referenced in the April report. He stated this isn't the first time we've had this complaint. Ms. McConeghy responded that residents are stating they are having difficulty with Sun Valley addressing their concerns. The Health Department now has the name of a supervisor at NJ American Water, which is the water provider to this complex. He has been very responsive to the concerns of residents.

Mr. Wisnewski asked for an update on the Keyes Street feral cat complaint. Ms. McConeghy stated that the Health Department spoke to the resident who initiated the complaint. Christianne Smith, Animal Control Officer for Pequannock, asked the resident not to put food in his bird feeders, as the cats are attracted to the

Approval of Reports (continued):

birds. Ms. Smith said she would return once the feeders are emptied. She will then put food out to lure cats into traps. Ms. McConeghy stated that there have been cats, and kittens, removed from other properties in town. The kittens can be adopted out. Adult cats are usually unable to be adopted, and are likely to live out their lives at the shelter.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the reports which included: Vital Statistics monthly report for April and May of 2019; Pequannock Township monthly report for March and April of 2019; Pequannock Township year-to-date report, Pequannock Township 2018-2019 immunization audit summary report and Pequannock Township retail food inspection report for Florham Park. Mr. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report from Health Department Staff:

Ms. McConeghy stated that inspections have been conducted on the pools in town. She will start scheduling day camp inspections.

Mr. Wisnewski asked how the hiring of another health inspector was progressing. Ms. McConeghy stated that Pequannock has hired a new person, Caterina (Cathy) Cappuccia. Mr. Wisnewski asked if she is an experienced inspector. Ms. McConeghy responded that she is, and Pequannock is pleased with her work.

Ms. Finegan asked how the chickens are doing, from the recently licensed resident. Ms. McConeghy stated that the chickens are well cared for. She stated that she was surprised by the small size of the coop, but it seems to work for the size of the animals. Ms. McConeghy mentioned a chicken complaint regarding the chickens licensed at 25 Lakeview Avenue. An inspection was conducted, and the resident is in compliance.

Council Liaison, Thomas Michalowski, provided follow up information regarding dust that is generated from building demolitions. This concern was raised by Ms. Nucci at a previous Board of Health meeting. Mr. Michalowski stated that there is currently no formal rule in place to wet down buildings during demolition. The Fire Department advised him that this would happen with buildings that are five stories or more.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if Board members had given any thought to someone replacing him as the Board Secretary. Peter Kleban agreed to take over the position. Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to accept Mr. Kleban as the new Board Secretary, Ms. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present voted "aye".

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in April and May of 2019.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:34 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:34 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Mr. Kleban seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary