

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

April 4, 2018

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Sabrina Edmunds, and Peter Kleban

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Gina McConeghy, Maryann Lang, Jo-Anna Finegan and Lauren Lombardo

Absent: Raymond Holmes, Marianne Nucci, Tana LaPlaca and Kathleen Greene

Mr. Moore, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting. Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Moore asked if the school immunization audits noted in the January Pequannock Township report, have a pass/fail component. Gina McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), responded that this is something that the public health nurses handle, and she would ask them. If further action was needed they would take care of it.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if the Oink and Moo is out of business, and whether a new business is planned for the location. Ms. McConeghy responded that they are closed, and does not know of another business going in that location at this time.

Mr. Moore questioned whether McDonald's was included in the commercial establishment canvas (solid waste), as they are not included in the report. Ms. McConeghy responded that they are included as "Trader Joe's complex". Mr. Michalowski, Council Liaison, asked if China Chalet is not maintaining their space, as the report states that garbage is not contained in enclosures. Ms. McConeghy responded that the space is a tight, alley like space, and can't have enclosures. However, the space is maintained. Ms. McConeghy did mention that in some locations there are large holes in the asphalt, near dumpsters, that cause food and liquids to accumulate. Mr. Michalowski asked who would handle enforcing this type of issue. Ms. McConeghy responded that it would be the Health Department, as it is a cleanliness issue. She has already addressed this problem at some locations.

Mr. Wisnewski asked for additional details regarding the conditional inspection received by Nonna's. Ms. McConeghy responded that there were some temperature issues in cases, and cutting boards were not being sanitized properly. Upon re-inspection, all issues were remediated.

Mr. Wisnewski asked the status of pet licensing. Ms. Lang responded that two reminder letters were sent to delinquent pet owners. She contacted each owner by telephone as well. Tickets are being written on April 6, 2018.

Ms. Edmunds made a motion to approve the reports which included: Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for February and March; Pequannock Township monthly report for January and February; Pequannock Township year-to-date report; and, Pequannock Township inspection activity report for Florham Park. Mr. Wisnewski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report of the Health Officer:

Ms. McConeghy provided the report on behalf of Peter Correale, Health Officer for Florham Park. Pequannock Township is currently working on a summer fitness program for the towns they partner with. The "Florham Park Wellness Challenge" will offer different types of fitness activities, free of charge, to Florham Park residents. The Health Department is partnering with various businesses in town to provide the classes. Some of the activities will be yoga, kickboxing, fitness classes and a walking program. Each time a resident goes to one of the offered activities, they will receive a receipt. At the end of the program, there will be prizes. Nutritional offerings through local food markets, are also being planned. Ms. Finegan asked if they would be interested in someone to teach a Tai-Chi class. Ms. McConeghy responded that this would be a great addition to the program, and provided her contact information. Ms. Finegan will reach out to the individual, and see if she would be interested in teaching a class.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if there is an age requirement to participate in the Wellness Challenge. Ms. McConeghy stated that she believed it would be eighteen, but would confirm. Mr. Wisnewski asked how they are going to check Florham Park residency for participation. Ms. McConeghy will confirm if a driver's license will be used to prove residency. Mr. Wisnewski asked about insurance requirements. Ms. McConeghy responded that she has already spoken to John Timmons, Recreation Director, regarding insurance coverage. Mr. Wisnewski asked if this program was patterned after one previously conducted. Ms. McConeghy responded that she worked on a similar program when she was employed in Ringwood, NJ. Board members gave suggestions on advertising to reach the most people.

Pequannock Township is currently working with a student intern, Lauren Lombardo. She will assist with the program. Ms. Lombardo provided a brief summary of her educational background to the Board.

New Business:Second alternate Board of Health member position:

Jo-Anna Finegan was introduced to the Board members in attendance. She will be formally appointed at the Borough Council meeting on April 19, 2018.

Unfinished Business:E-Cigarette Ordinance:

Mr. Moore provided Board Members with the proposed e-cigarette ordinance written by Borough Attorney, Joseph Bell. Mr. Moore stated that he still felt e-cigarette licensing should be handled through the State of New Jersey. However, he made the following changes to the proposed Florham Park ordinance that he felt were needed:

- . All references to e-cigarettes were changed to non-tobacco electronic smoking/vaping devices.
- . Licensing fees for establishments licensed to sell tobacco, would pay a \$50.00 fee. For those that don't have a tobacco license, the fee was not determined.
- . A sunset clause was added so that the Borough ordinance will terminate once the State of New Jersey takes over licensing.

Board members felt the purpose of the ordinance should be decided upon and clearly stated in the ordinance. Ms. Edmunds questioned how the Health Department would handle the enforcement component of the ordinance; and what exactly is being enforced? Mr. Moore responded that the Health Department would be notified of possible violations, and investigate. Enforcement would be of licensing and age of sale. Mr. Wisnewski asked if there are warnings, or ingredient labels, on vaping products as there are on cigarettes. The other Board members didn't believe so. Ms. Finegan asked if the age of sale is stated in the ordinance. It currently is not. However, the age of sale is covered under NJ State law for the sale of

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cigarettes, which is 21 years of age. Mr. Wisnewski suggested that the Board members take a vote, and decide whether to proceed with the ordinance or table it. Both he and Mr. Moore felt that licensing would be best handled through the State. Since the State is not currently licensing these products, Mr. Kleban and Ms. Edmunds felt a town ordinance would discourage young people from engaging in “vaping” and developing health problems. Mr. Wisnewski stated that he had done more reading on the subject, and found that the health risks of “vaping” are “just as bad as tobacco”. Since the members were evenly split, it was decided to revisit the subject at the next BOH meeting that follows the passage of the State budget. This will allow time to see if the State decides to license these products.

Ratification of Licenses:

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to ratify the licenses issued in February and March. Mr. Kleban 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:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary