

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

September 5, 2018

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Sabrina Edmunds, Tana LaPlaca, Peter Kleban, Kathleen Greene, Jo-Anna Finegan

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Peter Correale, Gina McConeghy and Maryann Lang

Absent: Raymond Holmes

The meeting was called 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:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting. Mr. Wisnewski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski asked about the alleged food poisoning case involving Nonna's restaurant, reported in the May Pequannock Township Report. Ms. McConeghy responded that this was unproven as the person did not seek medical attention, to have the tests to confirm food poisoning.

The Board asked for additional information, from Ms. McConeghy, on the following inspection ratings noted in the Pequannock Township Activity Report:

Back to back conditional ratings for Mangia's restaurant.

This restaurant now has three conditional ratings in a row. The issue involves an outdoor shed, which the restaurant has been using to store food and catering supplies, without Health Department knowledge. The establishment will be reinspected.

Conditional rating for Natale's Deli.

The violation involved food temperatures and cleaning/sanitation. The establishment now has a satisfactory rating.

DP (disposition pending) for Cullins Fresh Food.

The issue involved sanitation. Corrective action has taken place.

Mr. Correale reminded the Board that all of the food inspection reports may be found on the Borough of Florham Park and Pequannock Township websites. There is also a link with Google maps that can be accessed. Ms. Nucci asked if Jean Vrablik, public health nurse, can explain to the seniors how to access the sites the next time she visits the Senior Center. Mr. Correale stated he will advise Ms. Vrablik.

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 May, June and July; Pequannock Township year-to-date report; Pequannock Township retail food inspection activity report for Florham Park. Ms. Greene seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report of the Health Officer:

Peter Correale, Health Officer, provided feedback regarding the Wellness Challenge held this past summer. Evaluation surveys were provided to participants. Mr. Moore asked if there was a breakdown by age of participants. Ms. McConeghy responded that there was not. Overall, the program was well received. There was good participation from local businesses. Staff will meet and decide whether to hold the program again next year. Based on feedback, the program may be held at a different time of year.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if anything is being done about the severe mosquito issue. Mr. Correale responded that mosquito control is handled through the Morris County Mosquito Commission. Ms. Lang, Board of Health Secretary, stated that she has received many calls from residents regarding the problem. She has advised them to check the Mosquito Commission's website, for the dates and streets being treated, as well as contact information.

Mr. Correale advised the Board that Pequannock is still handling cat complaints. The year-to-date report from Pequannock, indicates that eleven cats were impounded. Mr. Wisnewski asked if the cats were mainly from the Sun Valley and Riverbend complexes. Mr. Correale responded that he believed that they were. Ms. Lang stated that she would check her records and provide the information to the Board.

Mr. Wisnewski asked if the Borough Council is looking into how Florham Park will handle the possible legalization of the sale of marijuana by the State of New Jersey. Mr. Michalowski, Council Liaison, responded that Borough Attorney, Joseph Bell, is looking into the matter.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:Proposed ordinance e-cigarettes:

Mr. Moore advised the Board that as part of this year's State budget process, the State will levy a tax on e-cigarettes. The assumption is that establishments that sell e-cigarettes will now have to be licensed through the State. The Board agreed to table the proposed e-cigarette ordinance to see how the State proceeds.

The vaping presentation, given by Karen Blumenfeld from NJ Global Advisors on Smokefree Policy (GASP), for middle school students was well received. The Board asked if the program can be repeated, and include more grades. Mr. Moore said he would like to attend once it is scheduled. Mr. Wisnewski asked if there was a hard copy of the presentation, for Board Members to read. Mr. Correale will check into this.

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 7:39 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:39 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Ms. Greene seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary