

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

February 6, 2019

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Marianne Nucci, Raymond Holmes, Tana LaPlaca (arrived 7:15), Kathleen Greene and Jo-Anna Finegan

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Gina McConeghy, Jean Vrablik and Maryann Lang

Absent: Stanley Wisnewski, Sabrina Edmunds and Peter Kleban

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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. Finegan made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting. Ms. Nucci seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Ms. Nucci asked for details on the public health nuisance listed in the November Pequannock Township monthly report. Ms. McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), discussed the septic problem in the Burnet Road/Carrigan Lane area of Florham Park. There is no sewer line in this area of town, and there have been issues with several septic systems not functioning properly. The Health Department has made several visits to the area to inspect and perform tests. There has been discussion, with the Borough Administration, about possibly placing sewer lines in this area of town.

Ms. Nucci ask about the mold complaint in the December Pequannock Township monthly report. Ms. McConeghy stated that this was due to a pipe that broke in a Sun Valley apartment. Repairs, and clean up, have been made.

Ms. McConeghy discussed the complaint in the December Pequannock Township monthly report regarding rodents at a Fairleigh Dickinson University dormitory. Landscapers disturbed the outside area of the dormitory when cleaning, causing rodents to go inside the building. The dormitory was treated and gaps in the building were sealed. Landscapers have been instructed on how to properly clean, so this doesn't happen again.

Board members asked what a home based nursing visit covers. Jean Vrablik, public health nurse, provided two examples:

The nurses would visit a homebound resident that requires a flu shot.

If a resident expresses concern regarding a neighbor, such as not seeing them for a period of time, the public health nurses would make a home visit.

Mr. Moore thanked Ms. McConeghy for the quick response to the Florham Park Diner, which experienced damage due to a burst pipe. Ms. McConeghy provided an overview of the incident.

Dr. Holmes made a motion to approve the reports which included: Vital Statistics monthly report for November and December of 2018 and January 2019; Pequannock Township monthly report for October, November and December of 2018; Pequannock Township year-to-date report, Pequannock Township retail food inspection report for Florham Park. Mr. Moore 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. She stated that the year-to-date reports have been finalized.

Ms. McConeghy advised the Board that Gail Gratzel, Assistant Health Officer, will be retiring as of February 28, 2019. Timothy Zachok, REHS, will be taking over Ms. Gratzel's responsibilities. Ms. McConeghy stated that she will still respond to complaints in Florham Park, as well as take over some of Mr. Zachok's responsibilities. Pequannock Township has hired a new REHS, Hada Bitar.

Mr. Moore mentioned that New York passed a ban on CBD, (Cannabidiol), being added to food and drinks. He asked Ms. McConeghy if she has heard about this in New Jersey. She said she has not. Ms. Finegan asked what CBD is. It was explained that the product is made from the marijuana plant, with the component that causes the "high" removed. It is sometimes used by people to alleviate symptoms of certain health conditions.

Ms. McConeghy stated that the Health Department is still focused on e-cigarette use by young people. She stated that Karen Blumenfeld of Global Advisors on Smokefree Policy (GASP), has made e-cigarette presentations to schools. She also advised the Board that Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement (TASE) inspections will be done.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in November and December of 2018 and January 2019.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:27 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:27 pm.

Adjournment:

Dr. Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Ms. Finegan seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary