

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

November 6, 2019

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski (until 7:32 pm), Sabrina Edmunds, Kathleen Greene and Jo-Anna Finegan

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Gina McConeghy, Caterina Cappuccia and Maryann Lang

Absent: Marianne Nucci, Tana LaPlaca, Peter Kleban, 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. Edmunds made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Moore asked what "NFA" stands for, in the August Pequannock Township Monthly Report, in connection to the mold complaint at The Ave in Florham Park. The acronym stands for "no further action". Gina McConeghy, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), stated that the complainant did not want the Health Department to take further action with the management of the facility. He wanted to have the mold tested, which the Health Department does not do. Mr. Michalowski, and several Board members, expressed that the Health Department should still investigate, as this is a health issue. Ms. McConeghy responded that she will follow up.

Mr. Moore asked if the garbage complaint, at Primrose Day Care, has been resolved. Ms. McConeghy responded that it has been addressed.

The September conditional inspection rating, for Hunan Asian Food, was discussed. Mr. Michalowski, and Board Members, questioned what can be done about this restaurant due to the number of repeat conditional inspection ratings. Ms. McConeghy and Ms. Cappuccia provided responses to the following questions:

Can more frequent inspections be conducted?

Yes

Can the owner be charged for re-inspections?

Probably not, per the ordinance.

Have all of the food handlers gone to the food handler's class?

There is a high employee turnover, so probably not. There is also a language barrier. Mr. Michalowski stated that he thought, per our ordinance, all workers had to be certified within six months of hire. He stated that the owner should pay for a translator if there is a language barrier. They are responsible for their employees being trained. Ms. McConeghy, and Ms. Cappuccia, stated that they are holding a class at the China Chalet in early 2020. They suggested that Hunan Asian employees be invited. The workers that are bilingual can translate.

Mr. Michalowski, and Board members, felt that the ordinance should be reviewed to see if there is any action that can be taken to improve the situation at this establishment.

Approval of Reports (continued):

Ms. Edmunds asked if there is a NJ State standard for water, and room temperature, for pools. This is in connection to the complaint of excessive temperatures, reported at Lifetime Fitness, in the September Pequannock Township monthly report. Ms. Cappuccia responded that this is not in the pool code.

Ms. Greene ask for additional information about the May complaint of brown water at the Sun Valley complex. Ms. McConeghy responded that the management of the complex has not been responsive to resident concerns. However, the water company has been very helpful. Ms. Greene asked if there is anything that can be done as this has been a recurring issue. Ms. McConeghy responded that there is nothing further that can be done at this time.

Ms. McConeghy stated that for some of the complaints, it may be helpful to have the Health and Building Departments respond together. A Building inspector may have knowledge that the Health Department inspector does not. If both departments respond, and confirm there is an issue, it may put more pressure for corrective action to occur in a timely manner.

Ms. Finegan made a motion to approve the reports which included: Vital Statistics monthly report for September and October of 2019; Pequannock Township monthly report for August and September of 2019; Pequannock Township year-to-date report; and, Pequannock Township retail inspection report for August and September of 2019. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report from Health Department Staff:

Ms. McConeghy stated that the rabies vaccination clinic will be held on 11/16/19, 9-11 am. Ms. McConeghy, and Ms. Cappuccia, may become certified as instructors for the Serve Safe class. All other information has been provided during the discussion of reports.

Ms. Wisniewski asked if the Health Department is on track to have all restaurants inspected by year end. The response was yes.

New Business:Proposed Board of Health meeting dates for 2020

The Board reviewed, and approved, the meeting dates for 2020. A legal notice will be published.

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in September and October of 2019.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:35 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:35 pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. Edmunds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Ms. Greene seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary