

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

February 5, 2020

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Peter Kleban (until 7:05 pm)
Jo-Anna Finegan

Also present: Kristen Santoro (Council Liaison), Gina McConeghy (Registered Environmental Health Specialist – REHS), Caterina Cappuccia (REHS), Jean Vrablik (Public Health Nurse) and Maryann Lang (Board of Health Secretary)

Absent: Tana LaPlaca, Sabrina Edmunds, Raymond Holmes, and, Kathleen Solar-Greene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. 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 6, 2019 meeting. Ms. Nucci seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

The following questions were asked by Board members, and answers provided by Ms. McConeghy and Ms. Cappuccia:

Have Hunan Asian Food employees attended a food handler class, as suggested after several conditional inspections? A class has been set up for them in early March.

Can details be provided for the conditional food inspection ratings for Zizza's, Nonna's and Florham Park Diner?

Zizza's food handling certification had expired. There were also sanitation issues.

The Florham Park Diner had food preparation, and cleanliness, issues. Employees went to a food handler's class.

Nonna's had food handling and storage issues. Other violations were a broken hand sink and restrooms in poor condition. Most of the staff are Spanish speaking, so there is a language barrier as well. It will be suggested that they attend a Spanish speaking food handler's class. Ms. Santoro asked if the Health Department was notified about the smoke incident at Nonna's. Ms. McConeghy stated that they hadn't been notified. However it was just smoke, so it wouldn't have been necessary.

How long can a restaurant operate with a conditional inspection rating? It is probably up to the Health Department.

Does someone from the restaurant sign off on the inspection sheet? The inspection sheet is reviewed with the manager/owner of the establishment, and they sign the document. Inspections are uploaded to the town's website.

Can the Health Department provide a presentation to seniors regarding the inspection process, and where to find the information on the website? Yes, they will set up a presentation.

Approval of Reports (continued):

Is a new restaurant inspected? Building plans are reviewed and approved. An inspection of the facility and food are conducted.

Why does The Villa, a long term care facility, not pay a food license fee? The facility is owned by a religious entity and, therefore, the fee is waived.

Has the malfunctioning septic, listed in the October Pequannock Township monthly report, been corrected? Work has still not begun. A summons will probably be issued at this point.

Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to approve the reports which included: Vital Statistics monthly report for November and December of 2019; and January 2020; Pequannock Township monthly report for October, November and December of 2019; Pequannock Township year-to-date report; and, Pequannock Township retail inspection report for November and December of 2019; and January of 2020. Ms. Finegan seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

- Email from Polina Maire, 11/18/2019 – regarding dog park waste conditions
Mr. Moore stated that he visited the dog park and it was tidy. He did feel that a container, with lid, might be a better receptacle for the waste. He spoke to Michael Smith, Director of Public Works, regarding this complaint. Ms. Vrablik commented that she visits the park, as well, and has not seen overflowing receptacles.
- Letter from Adam Brewer, Township Manager of Pequannock, 11/19/2019 – regarding retirement of Peter Correale, Health Officer. Mr. Moore stated that he was able to meet with Mr. Brewer, William Huyler, Administrator for Florham Park, and Mr. Correale regarding the search for a replacement. The Board was advised that Pequannock will probably select a candidate by the end of this week.

Report from Health Department Staff:

Mr. Wisniewski asked Ms. Vrablik for information on the coronavirus. She responded that there is nothing emergent in New Jersey at this moment. There is still a lot not known about the virus, and things are changing at a fast pace. People are most infectious at the highest point of symptoms. It isn't known how long prior to that time an individual is infectious. The New Jersey Poison Control Hotline has been made the point of contact for coronavirus. It is staffed 24/7 and they have the most up-to-the minute information. The phone number is 800-222-1222. The NJ Division of Health also has information on the virus on their website: www.njdoh.gov.

Ms. Vrablik commented that the flu is widespread in the area, even in those who were vaccinated.

Ms. Vrablik advised the Board that Brighton Gardens Assisted Living, has been hit hard with a norovirus. She stated that the Health Department has been in constant communication with the facility and State. She has visited several times.

Ms. Santoro asked the Health Department staff if anyone has reported feral cats by the Thirsty Turtle. Ms. McConeghy responded that the Animal Control Officer for Pequannock is usually notified. Ms. Santoro asked if Florham Park practices Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR). She stated that East Hanover is in the process of trying to curb their feral cat population through TNR. Mr. Wisniewski stated that the Board has discussed this multiple times, and it is up to the Mayor and Council. He stated there are issues on how to implement TNR -- who pays for neutering/spaying, follow up with rabies vaccinations, feeding of cats, etc. Ms. Santoro stated that she knows someone involved with the East Hanover project, and will reach out to her for information.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in November and December of 2019, and January of 2020.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:50 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:50 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wisniewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Ms. Nucci seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang, Board of Health Secretary