

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

September 13, 2023

Minutes

Present: Peter Kleban, Stanley Wisnewski, Jay Rosania, David Adinaro and Sonya Youngren
Raymond Holmes and Thomas Michalowski arrived at 7:02 pm.

Also present: Gina McConeghy (Registered Environmental Health Specialist), Jean Vrablik (Public Health Nurse) and Maryann Lang (Board of Health Secretary)

Absent: Sabrina Edmunds and Tana LaPlaca

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. Lang took attendance, and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kleban made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting. Dr. Holmes seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski asked for additional information on the welfare check referenced in the May report. Ms. Vrablik responded that she didn't know the details of this check. She stated that she would look into it when she returns to the office, and provide an update if available. She went on to say that with welfare checks, it can be typical to visit a home and receive no answer at the door. All that can be done is to leave a business card. She stated that people sometimes do not welcome outside involvement.

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to approve the Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for May, June, July and August; and, Pequannock Township monthly report for May, June and July. Mr. Rosania seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report from Health Department Staff:

Ms. McConeghy provided the following report:

It was an active summer - inspectors were busy with day camp and pool inspections.

Tai Chi Bubble Tea is a new business in town. Angelina's has changed ownership.

There has been an ongoing sewer issue at a unit in the Brandywyne complex. An elderly resident lives in a unit where pipes, from multiple units, meet. She has had sewage back up into her unit multiple times. The Association has contacted an engineer to look into the matter.

There have been ongoing issues with Corporate Café, 25B Vreeland Road, and Florham Park Café, 23 Vreeland Road. Both businesses have received multiple conditional inspection ratings. In addition, the owner of Florham Park Café was operating without a license. Health Officer, Thomas Cantisano, is currently working on introducing reinspection fees. Mr. Kleban questioned that he thought reinspection fees were already in place. Mr. Wisnewski responded that several years ago this was discussed, but was rescinded.

Mr. Wisnewski commented that he didn't see multiple conditional ratings, in the inspection reports, for Florham Park Café. Ms. McConeghy responded that it was probably in June, in response to a complaint. Mr. Wisnewski asked if Mr. Cantisano could make a personal visit, to possibly have more of an impact. Ms. McConeghy responded that tickets have already been issued, and it is now a court matter. Mr. Michalowski

asked if the owner holds a food handling certification. Ms. McConeghy responded that one of the workers does, but is not always on site. Mr. Michalowski asked if there is an inspection sign posted. Ms. McConeghy responded that a conditional sign is posted.

The Retro Fitness tanning bed issues have been resolved.

The former Sonesta Hotel property is under new ownership. The planned use is still undecided. Day camp and pool inspections were unable to be conducted, because the building does not hold a Certificate of Occupancy. The day camp has no license with the State of New Jersey. There are renovations in progress at the location, but the Health Department has not inspected anything as of this date.

Ms. Vrablik provided a brief update on the new long term care facility that will be located in the former Saint Anne's Villa property. It will open with twenty seven sub-acute care beds. Ultimately, it could house 103 patients. Mr. Kleban asked if the building has to be reinspected. Ms. Vrablik responded in the affirmative.

New Business:

Ms. Lang stated there is no official new business. However, she briefly advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board will be developing formal guidelines for mobile food vendors. Once something is available to share, she will advise the Board.

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in May, June, July and August.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Kleban opened the meeting to the public at 7:23 pm.

Maria Quigley:

Ms. Quigley provided information from the proceedings of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and their recommendations for the new COVID vaccination that were announced yesterday. She also provided information from Alex Berenson, former New York Times reporter and COVID journalist, regarding deaths and hospitalizations prevented with COVID vaccination for adolescents vs side effects that may occur from the vaccine. She stated that she would email the information to Ms. Lang, to forward to the Board. She closed with the following: What will you do to ensure parents have informed consent; will you help educate parents and physicians of risks, and encourage cardiac screening; will you work with schools to collect data on cardiac and other adverse events with the school population?

Donna Suszynski:

Ms. Suszynski commented on her father's experience with deficient care, during the COVID 19 pandemic, at the veterans nursing home located in Paramus, NJ. She referenced the Department of Justice's (DOJ) report on their investigation into the veterans nursing homes in Paramus and Menlo Park. The report found that the veterans' constitutional rights were violated as a result of inadequate infection control practices, medical care and lack of oversight.

Ms. Suszynski then commented on several of her family members' medical conditions, which she felt were caused as a result of the COVID vaccine or the use of masks.

Ms. Suszynski provided two documents for the Board's information. One from Senator Joseph Pennacchio's website, regarding the DOJ report on the veterans homes. The other was from the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) entitled, "AAPS statement: mask mandates do not prevent spread of respiratory viruses, they cause harm, and violate the right to informed consent".

Ms. Suszynski closed with the following: The Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States be considered before mandating extreme measures, and risks of vaccination should be considered.

Public portion of meeting was closed at 7:33 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Michalowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Dr. Adinaro seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary