

MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2014, AT 7:00 PM.

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Alderson Pam Akers	Present
Darren J. Rausch, MS, CPH	Present
Andrew Martinez, Phar.	Present
Allen Owen, D.D.S.	Present
Mary Kitten, R.N.	Present
Luanne Wielichowski, R.N.	Present
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Present
Cindy Leranth	Absent
Richard Dettmann, Ph.D, M.Ed.	Present

2. A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Richard Dettman, to approve the minutes of the March 13th, 2014, Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

2a. A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Leon Saryan, to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2014, Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Citizen Commentary* – No citizens present.

4. Mr. Rausch provided the history of the draft electronic smoking device ordinance to present day. Sue Marten, Coordinator for the Suburban Milwaukee County Tobacco Coalition, had attended the Board of Health meeting in May to appraise the board members about e-cigarettes and similar devices broadly referred to as electronic smoking devices. This effort was largely educational and informative since no policy work was anticipated at that time, but the resources were important for board members as the issue could be addressed in the future.

In June, the Common Council requested information from the Health Officer/Director prior to approving two e-cigarette stores within city limits. Mr. Rausch educated the alderpersons on the issues surrounding e-cigarettes and provided an argument for some level of City policy related to regulation and enforcement. The Common Council's verbal approval at this meeting, coupled with policy development work with the City Attorney, created the ordinance that is before the Board of Health this evening. If approved by the Board of Health, the ordinance will be placed on Monday's Legislative Committee agenda.

Mr. Rausch highlighted the key aspects of the Ordinance, which include: (1) to preserve clean indoor air consistent with tobacco smoking, (2) provide the ability for the Police Department to enforce the prohibitions on school grounds, and (3) preventing the renormalization of smoking behaviors since smoking rates are at their lowest ever.

Mr. Rausch continued that the data supports our efforts, with over 62 percent of Wisconsin residents surveyed are in favor of prohibiting electronic smoking devices in places where tobacco smoking is already prohibited. Both the Greenfield and

Whitnall School Districts have been appraised as our Ordinance draft has moved along, and they will likely revisit their own policies soon. Lastly, data indicates that youth are using electronic smoking devices at high rates – with 20 percent of middle school students and 7 percent of high school students having never previously used tobacco smoking devices.

Discussion ensued related to the “definitive” nature of the research on health and safety of electronic smoking devices. Mr. Rausch provided the research overview, which is far from definitive, but certainly indicates that there is risk related to secondhand exposure but that risk may be less than traditional tobacco smoke. Andrew Martinez stated that, from his professional perspective, a safer product does not actually mean that it is safe; so, while e-cigarettes may be safer, that does not mean that they are 100 percent safe.

After additional discussion, the Board of Health moved to approve the ordinance draft as presented.

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Luanne Wielichowski, to approve the electronic smoking device ordinance draft as presented. The motion was approved, 7-0, with one abstention.

Approve electronic smoking device ordinance.

5. Mr. Rausch provided a history on sidewalks within the City of Greenfield. Most notably, City ordinance has required sidewalks on at least one side of each quarter-section road (i.e., main thoroughfares and streets) since the 1970s. Regrettably, this ordinance has not been enforced, and the City has a hodgepodge of sidewalks throughout.

A few years back the City received funding for Safe Routes to School, a national program administered by the State to create safe pedestrian access for school children. The City hoped to leverage funds received for three elementary schools to make improvements at nearly all elementary and middle schools. Improvements that were identified include crosswalks, signage, and sometimes small sidewalk additions in the area adjacent to each school.

Currently, the Board of Public Works has received pushback from residents on South Honey Creek Drive related to a sidewalk that was to be added on the east side of the street adjacent to Elm Dale elementary school as part of the Safe Routes effort. Due to the current negativity, the Board of Public Works has tabled this project. Mr. Rausch wanted to raise the issue here this evening because the Board of Health has long advocated for safe pedestrian routes, especially when schoolchildren are considered. The Board of Public Works is currently developing a YouTube video to outline the arguments in support of a public sidewalk network.

After discussion, the Board of Health wished to continue to support the Safe Routes efforts and the creation of a sidewalk network in the City. Mr. Rausch will share the Board's opinion with the Director of Neighborhood Services in an effort to raise support prior to the next attempt to create sidewalks at South Honey Creek Drive or another location.

A motion was made by Allen Owen, seconded by Richard Dettman, to support Safe Routes and sidewalks within the City of Greenfield. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve support of City's Safe Routes to School and sidewalk network

6. Mr. Rausch provided a history on traffic calming efforts in the City of Greenfield. Traffic calming on West Howard Avenue was installed approximately one year ago adjacent to Zablocki Park. Residents have complained ever since, and the traffic calming will be removed soon but will be replaced by something else. Mr. Rausch wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board of Health because this is a health and safety issue.

After discussion, Board members agreed that it would be ideal for the preservation of health and safety to maintain the current traffic calming device until a replacement can be identified and positioned on West Howard Avenue. Mr. Rausch will share the Board of Health's position with the Director of Neighborhood Services prior to the next Common Council meeting.

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Mary Kitten, to in favor of maintaining the current traffic calming on West Howard Avenue until a suitable replacement could be identified. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve support of City's traffic calming efforts on West Howard Avenue

7. Mr. Rausch distributed the document created by the summer public health intern related to keeping of animals in the City. This white paper was created at the request of the Board of Health to inform and educate any future decisions related to the keeping of animals – specifically chickens and honeybees. The Board has voted against keeping of animals in the past, but will now have current research and best practice to guide their decisions. In addition, the City of Milwaukee has allowed both chickens and honeybees and they could be a resource if the City of Greenfield were to entertain that option; the City of Wauwatosa currently permits chickens as well.

Update on keeping of animals within the City

Due to time constraints, Board of Health members are encouraged to review this document and further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

8. Mr. Rausch provided an overview to the City budget process. He distributed a departmental budget summary that is essentially flat with the exception of wage and benefit increases as per City policy. Revenues from grants and fees are expected to remain consistent, and license fees will be adjusted prior to the 2016 budget.

A noticeable change in the departmental budget is the addition of a vehicle for staff members. Primarily, this vehicle would be utilized by the Environmental Health Specialist but will be available to other staff as the need arises.

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Pam Akers, to approve the departmental budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2015 departmental budget

9. Committee to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(f)(g) and 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:

- a. Communicable Disease Updates
- b. Environmental Health Updates
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Health Officer/Director Evaluation

11. No Closed Session Necessary

No closed session.

12. No report; legislature is not in session.

13. No report.

14. Mr. Rausch shared the year-to-date communicable disease report.

Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dettman provided a summary of their attendance at the National Association of Local Boards of Health annual conference in Milwaukee in August. Both thought the conference was beneficial and it appears that the national organization is moving forward in the face of recent adversity.

Mr. Rausch stated the Interim Health Department role will continue through early October. Cudahy has hired a permanent, full-time Health Officer who will begin on October 6th. He will assist with the transition over the first few weeks, and will be available in a mentor capacity as needed.

Mr. Rausch noted that City Hall now has a mother's room in the lower level. Maternal and Child Health grant funds were utilized to recreate a former employee lounge into a breast-feeding friendly mother's room. This room will be utilized by City Hall visitors, City staff, and WIC clients. Additionally, there is sufficient space for WIC to provide regular and routine breastfeeding education in small group or one-on-one formats in this space.

15. *Chairperson's Report* – None

16. *Aldersperson's Report* – None.

17. *Miscellaneous Board Member's Report* – Luanne Wielichowski mentioned that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently recommended the delay of school start times. Specifically, the AAP recommends middle and high schools delay the start of class to 8:30 a.m. or later. This issue is of note due to the Board of Health's involvement in a similar discussion related to start times at the School District of Greenfield in 2009; this discussion culminated in the Board sending a letter to both school districts encouraging the review of the research literature when deciding on school start times.

18. *Items for Future Agendas:* Mr. Rausch stated that he will place the following items on the next agenda: keeping of animals in the City and an update regarding traffic calming.

17. **A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Luanne Wielichowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**