

MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2015, AT 7:04 PM.

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:04 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order

ROLL CALL:

Alderson Pam Akers	Excused
Darren J. Rausch, MS, CPH	Present
Andrew Martinez, Phar.	Present
Allen Owen, D.D.S.	Present
Mary Kitten, R.N.	Arrived 7:05 p.m.
Luanne Wielichowski, R.N.	Present
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Present
Cindy Leranth	Arrived 7:05 p.m.
Richard Dettmann, Ph.D, M.Ed.	Present

Also present:

2. Approval of the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Leon Saryan, to approve the minutes of the March 12th, 2015, Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Commentary

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Mr. Rausch stated that since the beginning of the year, the Health Department has received several calls regarding honeybee keeping. At least three residents indicated their interest to attend this meeting.

Sarah and Mike Halstead of 8521 W. Howard Avenue, Ed Marshall of 4415 W. Tesch Ave., Tom Kueny of 8711 W. Chapman Ave, and Marek Lewniewski of 3665 S. 56th Street attended the meeting to support a change in the municipal code to allow for the keeping of honeybees in the City of Greenfield.

4. Presentation related to keeping of honeybees (representatives of the Milwaukee Waukesha Beekeepers Association)

Presentation related to the keeping of honeybees.

Mr. Rausch provided background information regarding the municipal code in relation to the keeping of honeybees. A decision was made by the Board of Health in November of 2014 to not make changes to the code due to the lack of citizen interest.

Sarah Halstead of 8521 W. Howard Ave. addressed the board. Ms. Halstead has been a Greenfield Resident since 2010, and owner/operator of Halstead Natural Products LLC. She spoke to the board regarding the benefits of beekeeping, how beehives are established, and how they are kept. She indicated that many urban areas such as New York City, San Francisco, and Milwaukee allow for beekeeping. Most people who keep bees do so as a hobby with startup costs being approximately \$500.

Mr. Saryan inquired if other communities in the area allow for beekeeping. Mr. Rausch responded that he was aware of only Milwaukee and Wauwatosa when assessing comparable urban jurisdictions. Portions of Franklin are still zoned agricultural, so these areas wouldn't be comparable.

Issues and concerns that would need to be addressed in an ordinance include setbacks, barriers, water sources, number of hives, inspection fees, permits as well as neighbor approval.

Mr. Rausch explained that no decision would be made tonight as this was an informational meeting. The board will discuss this topic further and determine how to proceed. If the board decides to move forward on this item it would not be until the July or September meeting.

The board members raised concerns about allergies, hive accessibility and city liability. It was decided to obtain further information and possibly draft a new ordinance.

**Health Accreditation Board
Domain 3 Presentation**

5. Presentation related to the public Health Accreditation Board Domain 3

Due to the length of the agenda, this item will be placed on a future agenda.

**Public Health Nurse
Supervisor Hiring Process**

6. Update related to the Public Health Nurse Supervisor hiring process

The application cycle closed on May 1st. A total of five applications were received and three interviews have been scheduled over the next few days. Two of the applicants have public health experience with strong evidence of leadership and the other applicant has managed in a home health setting.

**Online Inspection Report
Update**

7. Update related to online inspection reports

The current focus in the department has been to get ready for licensing in late May. Information has been prepared and will be shared with the State lead on this project. The online inspection reports will likely be up and going within three months.

8. Update related to the 2015 Greenfield Farmers Market

2015 Greenfield Farmers Market Update

The 2015 Greenfield Farmers Market season opened on Sunday, May 3rd. New this year is the Makers Market which is held on the first Sunday of each month. It features local crafters and artisans. The market also has 10 new vendors this year and the sponsors including Clement Manor, Stu's Flooring, House of Harley, and Nowak Chiropractic. The products this year include fresh produce, bakery, popcorn, sauces, salsas and more.

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:

Closed Session

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

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Andrew Martinez to adjourn to closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

Reconvene into Open Session

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Luanne Wielichowski to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Health Legislative Updates

Public Health Legislative Updates

Mr. Rausch provided a brief update on several bills pending in the Wisconsin Legislature. These bills include the following:

- AB 72/SB 10 – Prohibiting powdered alcohol products for sale in Wisconsin.
- AB 170/ SB132 – Attempts to permit the use of vapor products in all businesses, and provides preemption clause related to any municipal or county ordinances that govern restrictions for electronic smoking devices.
- AB146/ SB 120 – Places restrictions on the use of electronic smoking devices similar to Greenfield ordinance. While this is a good bill for the public's health, it provides significant political challenges for the current WI Smokefree Air law because of concern it could be redrafted.

Additionally, Mr. Rausch highlighted some ongoing challenges within the Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget. These challenges included funding changes and reassignment to a different department for the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene,

and the merger of the two food safety organizations (specifically, DHS Food and Recreational Licensing to DATCAP Retail Food, and DHS Tattoo & Piercing to DSPS). Within the food safety merger, there are significant impacts on local control and home rule since this budget line item currently prohibits the ability to increase fees for the biennium for any state or local food licensing and inspection program. In further discussion, the Board agreed that updating the fees prior to the start of the next state biennium would be a strategic move for the department.

12. Public Health Research

Public Health Research

The Community Health Survey is in process and is expected to wrap up in early fall with data in late 2015 or early 2016. The Milwaukee Healthcare Partnership is collecting data on their key informant interviews.

13. Executive Officer's Report

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Mr. Rausch shared the most recent communicable disease report for the City.

The Health Department will have two summer interns. The first is Louis Palen, MPH Epi student from the University of Iowa. The other is Kyle Phillips, BA from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

The Department was selected as a participant in the 2015 Accreditation Mentoring project through the Institute for Wisconsin's Health, Inc. This project provides an opportunity for a mentee department to learn from an accredited health department. We have been assigned to work with the West Allis Health Department; we are eager to learn from them and strengthen our readiness for accreditation.

The Chapter 140 Review will occur on Thursday, June 11th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All Board of Health members are invited to attend. The Review should be completed by noon.

Reappointments are needed for Mr. Martinez, Ms. Wielichowski, Ms. Kitten and Ms. Leranah. Mr. Rausch will follow-up with each of the Board members to discuss reappointments.

The next meeting for the Board of Health needs to be rescheduled. The next meeting date will be July 2nd or July 16th. Mr. Rausch will send an email to identify the best date for Board members.

14. Chairperson's Report

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None

15. Alderperson's Report

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Not in attendance

16. Miscellaneous Board Member's Report

**Miscellaneous Board Member's
Report**

None

17. Items for Future Agendas

Future Agenda Items

Additional research is needed regarding Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and Fond du Lac Beekeeping ordinances as well as challenges to implementation.

Municipal fee changes for June licensing.

18. Adjournment

Adjournment

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Luanne Wielichowski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. The motion carried unanimously.