

MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, JULY 02, 2015, AT 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:0 P.M.

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ROLL CALL:

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

2. Approval of the June 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Approval of 6/4/15 Minutes

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Richard Dettmann, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015, Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Commentary

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Janet Fischer, President of the MWBA (Milwaukee-Waukesha Beekeepers Association), residing at W336 S4408 Deer Park Ct. Dousman, WI addressed the board. Ms. Fischer indicated that as a bee club they have been asked by other townships in the area to assist in bee keeping ordinance development. She offered to answer any questions. When asked about ordinance parameters, she suggested reviewing the ordinance from the Town of Lisbon.

Tony Dazer of 4269 S. 96th Street believes that the size of the lot should not be a consideration as bees do not need a lot of room. He stated that bees are not aggressive unless threatened and are not a safety concern.

Chester Elliott of 3117 W. Burnham, Milwaukee agreed with Mr. Dazer about the land space and added that bees will forage up to six miles for nectar. He also reiterated that honey bees are not aggressive.

Juanita Osowski of 5940 W. Bottsford, believes that there is already a commercial beekeeper in the Greenfield area and has been in operation for many years. She supports beekeeping in Greenfield due to the decline of honeybees worldwide.

4. Discussion and Decision related to beekeeping in the City of Greenfield

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Mr. Rausch provided a matrix of bee keeping ordinances for Wisconsin cities as well as larger metropolitan areas in the United States to the board members. He inquired if

setbacks were for the benefit of the neighbors or for the bees and what would be an appropriate setback. Ms. Fischer stated that setbacks were for neighbor nicety and believes that ten feet would be sufficient. He also asked about neighbor consent. Ms. Fischer is not a strong proponent of neighbor consent due to neighbors changing and neighbor disputes but does recognize the importance of consent in communities with smaller lot sizes.

It was asked by a board member how a bee nuisance situation would be handled. Ms. Fischer responded that it is important for the city to have the contact information of both the beekeeper and the property owner where the bees are being kept.

Also discussed was upkeep of hives and swarming. Ms. Fischer stated that beekeeping is very expensive and beekeepers want to maintain their equipment and preserve their investment. Splitting hives gives bees more room and prevents them from swarming. If bees swarm, the beekeeper in effect loses money.

Mr. Rausch thanked everyone for attending and explained that a decision would not be made at this meeting. However the information presented would be discussed.

Mr. Rausch read the Lisbon ordinance to the board for reference.

It was discussed that the community should be informed of the possibility of beekeeping in Greenfield. A resident survey would be conducted using SurveyMonkey to assess the attitudes and opinions of Greenfield residents. Mr. Rausch indicated that he would reach out to the elected officials to share this information as well as contacting the newspaper.

Tabled

5. Discussion and Decision related to 2016 Department Budget

**Discussion and Decision
related to 2016
Department Budget**

It is too early for final departmental budget plans as there is no state biennium budget. Mr. Rausch believes that the budget will be relatively flat budget since the levy increase is likely to be less than 2%, and more likely 1.6-1.8%.

Tabled

6. Informational update on hiring process for the Public Health Nurse Supervisor

**Update on hiring process
for the Public Health
Nurse Supervisor**

After two rounds of applications that provided seven candidates and three interviews, a candidate has been chosen and has accepted. The pre-employment physical scheduled is for next Friday, July 10th. The tentative start date would be Monday, August 10th. Mr. Rausch did not want to provide too many additional details since there is an employment contingency still out there for resolution.

7. Informational update on the Chapter 140 Review held on June 11, 2015

**Update on the Chapter 140
Review held on June 11,
2015**

Mr. Rausch reported that the review was held on June 11th and lasted approximately four hours. Staff went over the Level I statutory and administrative rule required programs, as well as the 16 departmental programs for Level III status. Only 14 programs are required, but the department provided a couple extra programs if necessary. Overall, the state personnel seemed pleased with our level of activity in the department. We should hear back with approval within a few months. A move to Level III status would provide additional base grant funds in the amount of approximately \$4000-\$5,000 annually.

8. Presentation related to the Public Health Accreditation Board Domains 3 & 4

**Presentation of
Accreditation Board
Domains 3&4**

Tabled

Closed Session

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

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

Open Session

10. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

A motion was made by Andrew Martinez, seconded by Pam Akers, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Legislative Updates

11. Public Health Legislative Updates

All bills are still pending and at a standstill until the budget is done.

Public Health Research

12. Public Health Research

Nothing new to report at this time.

Executive Officer's Report

13. Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Rausch had no communicable disease report to share today but will send a report via email within the next few weeks. Mr. Rausch will be attending the NACHO Conference next week.

Chairperson's Report

14. Chairperson's Report

None

Aldermanic Report

15. Alderperson's Report

Ms. Akers provided general information regarding the Fourth of July Program and fireworks.

Miscellaneous Report

16. Miscellaneous Board Member's Report

None

Future Agendas

17. Items For Future Agendas

Tabled Items

Adjournment

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Pam Akers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

