



MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016, AT 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order by Leon Saryan @ 6:30 P.M.

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ROLL CALL:

Alderson Pam Akers	Present
Darren J. Rausch, MS, CPH	Present
Andrew Martinez, Pharm	Excused
Allen Owen, D.D.S.	Present
Mary Kitten, R.N.	Present
Luanne Wielichowski, R.N.	Present
Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.	Present
Cindy Leranth	Present (departed at 8:01 P.M.)
Richard Dettmann, Ph.D., M.Ed.	Present

2. Approval of the May 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Approval of 5/12/16 Minutes

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Allen Owen to approve the May 12, 2016 minutes of the Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Commentary

Citizen Commentary

None

At this time Mr. Rausch took the opportunity to introduce Pahoua Xiong who is the Public Health Associate. Her primary responsibility is the Farmers Market, but will be branching out into other areas of the department over time.

4. Discussion and Decision related to keeping of chickens.

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keeping of chickens**

This issue came to light after Mr. Rausch notified several residents of the City Ordinance that prohibits the keeping of chickens. One of the residents who received the notification was Ms. Susan Tubic of 11740 W. Edgerton Ave, Hales Corners. Ms. Tubic's property is split between Hales Corners and Greenfield. She has been keeping chickens in the back portion of her yard (in Greenfield) for years. Greenfield became aware of the chickens through the Village of Hales Corners. Ms. Tubic had mailed a letter to the city in response which Mr. Rausch read into the record.

Ms. Tubic addressed the board and provided information regarding her history of keeping chickens. She indicated that she began keeping chickens due to her partner's health issues and wanting a reliable clean source for food. Ms. Tubic is requesting that she be allowed to keep the chickens under the educational clause of the ordinance.

Mr. Rausch believes that the purpose of the educational clause was to allow for licensed education establishments to do demonstrations.

It was requested by the board that Ms. Tubic provide physician documentation that these chickens are therapy or service animals, a letter from the schools indicating that they intend to have field trips to Ms. Tubic's residence and letters from her immediate neighbors stating that they are aware and okay with the chickens.

Michael Ritt, of 11515 W. Cold Spring Rd received an initial letter from the City in September of 2015. At the time he had a rooster. Subsequently the rooster was removed from the residence but he continued to maintain the other chickens. Mr. Ritt had confusion regarding Greenfield ordinances as opposed to Milwaukee County ordinances. He requested an appeal after receiving a second letter from the city in June of 2016.

Mr. Ritt addressed the board indicating that he had looked on line to see if chickens were allowed. He had looked at the City of Milwaukee's website and believed he was reviewing the ordinances for Milwaukee County. Therefore, he believed he could keep chickens. Mr. Ritt provided pictures of the chickens and coops to the Board. He currently has four chicken that produce four eggs per day. The chickens are pets as well. He indicated that one neighbor is fine with the chickens and he has not spoken to the other neighbor about them. He is asking that the board allow him to keep the chickens.

A motion was made by Cindy Leranth, seconded by Allen Owen to table the item until September with a directive to the Health Officer and staff to provide further education to the board on the topic. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon further discussion it was decided to amend the motion to allow Ms. Tubic and Mr. Ritt to keep the chickens for the next two months while the board reviews further information. **The amended motion was approved by Cindy Leranthe and Allen Owen. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Discussion and Decision related to an ordinance to amend Chapter 12 of the Greenfield Municipal Code, 12.11(5)(a) related to prohibition of animals.

Discussion and Decision to amend Chapter 12 of the Greenfield Municipal Code

Tabled. Next Agenda

6. Discussion and Decision related to departmental budget

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Mr. Rausch indicated that the departmental budget will likely remain flat from 2016. That said, there may be increases in wages and benefits including insurance. Despite the belief that the budget will have no increase, Mr. Rausch will speak with the Mayor soon related to the potential of increased staffing in the environmental health area. The main need in this area is to provide redundancy, as well as a transition plan pending future retirements. Several other local health departments have recruited for the EHS position and have had difficulty in hiring. Oak Creek, for example, had their position open for over six months and has only recently extended an offer to hire. The workload in this area will increase with more licensed establishments coming onboard this year alone, in addition to those at the 84 South development; coupled with this is an increase in human health hazard and nuisance complaints in recent months. Lastly, there is a potential to share this position in part with Greendale.

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Mary Kitten to support an additional staff person for Environmental Health and the budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and Decision related to grants

Discussion and Decision related to Grants

In 2016, the department had nine grants operational at different times during the year with total funding of over \$112,000. For 2017, Mr. Rausch envisions six or seven grant opportunities approximately amounting to \$85,000. The decrease in funding is related to the unbudgeted Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI) grant as well as the loss of nearly \$14,000 of Ebola funding. In addition, there is an anticipate 7-10% decrease in public health preparedness grant funding.

Mr. Rausch urged the Board to support ongoing grant funds from the areas of immunization, lead, maternal & child, prevention, public health

emergency preparedness, cities readiness initiative, as well as others that meet the scope of public health programs and services.

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Allen Owen to support efforts to obtain grants. The motion carried unanimously.

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| 8. | Informational update related to WI WINS compliance checks

In follow-up to previous agenda items related to youth tobacco compliance checks, Mr. Rausch wanted to provide an update on Wisconsin Wins tobacco compliance program. In a letter dated March 11, 2016, the State Division of Public Health states that e-cigarettes will be added to the compliance check program. | Informational update
related to WI WINS
compliance checks |
| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Communicable Disease Updatesb. Environmental Health Updatesc. Personnel Updates
A motion was made by Cindy Leranth, seconded by Leon Saryan, to adjourn to closed session. The motion carried unanimously. | Closed Session |
| 10. | | |
| | Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Leon Saryan, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session. The motion carried unanimously. | Open Session |
| 11. | | |
| | Public Health Legislative Updates

No Report | Public Health
Legislative Updates |
| 12. | | |
| | Public Health Research

No Report | Public Health
Research |
| 13. | | |
| | Executive Officer's Report | Executive Officer's
Report |

No Report

14. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Saryan reported that Ald. Saryan had received a complaint regarding outdoor wood burning. The resident provided educational material regarding outdoor burning and asked that they be distributed to the board. Both Mr. Saryan and Ald. Saryan do not necessarily agree or endorse the material provided.

15. Alderperson's Report

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No Report

16. Miscellaneous Board Member's Report

**Miscellaneous Board
Member's Report**

No Report

17. Items For Future Agendas

Future Agenda Items

The Chicken ordinance change will be addressed at 6:45 at the September meeting.

18. Adjournment

Adjournment

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Allen Owen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. The motion carried unanimously.