



MINUTES OF THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, November 9, 2017, AT 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM by Andrew Martinez, Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present:

Abby Demler, Public Health Specialist
Pahoua Xiong, Farmers Market Manager

2. Approval of the September 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Approval of 9/14/17 Minutes

Mr. Saryan would like the minutes to reflect that he ran the meeting in the absence of Mr. Martinez.

Next Meeting

3. Citizen Commentary

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None

4. Introduction of Abby Demler, Public Health Specialist

Abby Demler, Introduction

Ms. Demler is our new Public Health Specialist. Her previous employer was the City of Cudahy Health Department where she worked in a similar capacity. Ms. Demler has a Masters in Public Health and started her employment on October 9th.

5. Discussion and Decision related to prohibition of dogs in parks and relation to the Greenfield Farmers Market

Discussion and Decision regarding dogs in parks

Mr. Rausch stated that this item being addressed proactively because Ald. Bailey brought this issue to the September Legislative meeting. Historically dogs have never been allowed in Greenfield parks. Dogs in parks create unique concerns with regard to the Farmers Market, and also may have a significant impact on other events in parks. According to Ald. Akers this issue was raised several years ago and then a child was bitten in a park, which underscores the potential for what could happen; at that time the item was removed from consideration.

Mr. Rausch believes that dogs on park paths is a separate and distinct issue compared to the allowance of dogs at events in parks ranging from Jansen Fest to athletic events to the Farmers Market. He sees a potential avenue to allowing dogs so long as the City addresses issues with dogs at events. He points out that just because there have been no issues with animals in parks, does not eliminate the possibility for potential issues.

Currently there are signs in the parks prohibiting dogs and they are often ignored. Ms. Xiong stated that she and the Farmers Market volunteers try to educate patrons. However some patrons ignore the requests to not bring their dogs to the market. There is an enforcement issue, and per Ald. Akers, the police department does not feel it has the staff to enforce the current dog ordinance. They would like the Park and Rec department staff to enforce it but staff does not feel comfortable doing so.

Mr. Rausch suggests that it's important that the market be dog free. He notes that while the market has challenges with people bringing their dogs, an event that has a significant weekly attendance and serves food is one in which dogs should be prohibited. Research conducted by Ms. Xiong and Mr. Rausch has indicated that other markets throughout the nation have been changing their policies to exclude dogs and other animals because of similar issues addressed earlier.

Board members questioned the end game of this discussion and Mr. Rausch stated that he hoped the discussion would inform future action by the Park and Recreation Board. The options include recommending the ordinance to be maintained as is, but discussing the issues to ensure that the needs of the market are considered should the policy change to permit dogs. Ald. Akers believes that dogs should be allowed on the pathways but not at large events. Board members agreed that the market has unique needs in relation to dogs.

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Luanne

Wielichowski to recommend keeping the ordinance, as is without changes. The motion carried unanimously.

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| 6. | Informational update related to the 2018 departmental budget

The city budget has been released for publication. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday November 21 st . The departmental budget is consistent as shared in September. Insurance costs increased by 8.1%. The tax levy increase is anticipated to be 1.89% | 2018 Departmental budget |
| 7. | Informational update related to keeping of chickens in the City

At the September Legislative Committee meeting, this item was voted down unanimously by all three committee members. Letters were sent to both families stating that they needed to remove the chickens within four weeks of notification. One family confirmed that the chickens were removed. The other family sent a letter indicating that the chickens would be removed by December 1 st . Darren will confirm via letter with this family, and will follow-up to ensure the removal of the chickens in early December. | Chicken Update |
| 8. | Informational update related to Environmental Health Consortium

The funds allocated to the consortium are still in the budget. There are no updates as of today. The Village of Greendale has not responded to the proposal provided to them on July 21, 2017. | Environmental Health Consortium |
| 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 Richard Dettman, 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 | Public Health Legislative Updates |

The lemonade stand bill was amended to add the words ‘other than potentially hazardous food as defined in statutes’. It is unclear if this item has been put on the schedule to vote. The legislature is only in session for another week or two, so this bill may not be addressed this year.

12. Public Health Research

**Public Health
Research**

The Community Health Survey is being conducted in 2018. As in the past, this survey is a collaboration between the health departments in Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership and the UWM Center for Urban Population Health. The planning efforts have begun. This survey is done every three years. The current plan targets data collection beginning in February and final reports available in October.

Mr. Rausch mentioned that the footprint for the surveys would change in 2018, with no single survey conducted for Greenfield. Instead, the survey will be conducted for southwestern Milwaukee County and will include the neighboring communities of Franklin, Greendale, and Hales Corners. The change in the footprint for the surveys was done to accommodate shrinking budgets, and to align to a new data dashboard the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership is funding in 2018 to provide additional community health data at a sub-county geographical level; this dashboard should be available when survey results are available in October 2018.

13. Executive Officer’s Report

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Report**

A recruitment has recently been completed to fill the part-time Public Health Nurse position. Hopefully that new nurse will be onboard late November or early December.

No communicable disease report available.

14. Chairperson’s Report

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None

15. Alderperson’s Report

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None

16. Miscellaneous Board Member’s Report

**Miscellaneous Board
Member’s Report**

None

17. Items For Future Agendas

Future Agenda Items

- CHIP
- Correction of Minutes

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Akers seconded by Leon Saryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment