



**GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD
CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2018, AT 6:30 PM**

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM

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order at 6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Aldersperson 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 Dettman, Ph.D., M.Ed.	Present

Also in attendance: Karen Sparapani, Executive Director, Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC).

2. Approval of the September 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of 09/13/18
Minutes**

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Allen Owen to approve the May 10, 2018 minutes of the Board of Health meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Commentary

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Lindsey Phenis of 4940 S. 124th St addressed the board regarding the number of pets allowed in the city. She provided data from MADACC's website that addressed the pet limits in other cities. She currently has an animal fancier permit but would like to see the city raise the limit of the number of pets allowed. Ms. Phenis believes that increasing the number of animals would result in more funds through licensing as well as a decrease in animal population. She indicated that she would like to see the limit raised to four. The current number of pets (defined as dogs and cats) allowed in Greenfield is two plus two with an animal fancier permit. Ms. Phenis indicated that many people would like additional pets but do not want to go through the process and expense of obtaining and fancier permit. Others keep additional animals without licensing them.

Michelle Michalak of 3510 W. Abbott also addressed the board in support of increasing the number of pets allowed in the city.

Karen Sparapani of MADACC indicated that other cities usually have an additional 2 animals allowed with an animal fancier permit. She stated that additional animals would not bring in more licensing fees nor would it help with overpopulation. The issue with overpopulation is that people do not spay/neuter. She stated that if you have an animal on your property for more than 30 days (even in a foster situation) you must by law have them licensed.

The average time a dog is in foster care is approximately two weeks. A point was made that the fostering may be a different issue as opposed to the Animal Fancier permit.

It was suggested that the board review what the policy is at comparable communities before a decision is made.

4. Discussion and Decision related to keeping of animals in the City

Discussion ensued regarding the number of animals other municipalities allow and the possibility of increasing the number allowed by the city.

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Allen Owen, to increase the number of animals allowed from two to three. The motion failed 2-6.

A second motion was made by Pam Akers and seconded by Allen Owen to defer this item to the next scheduled meeting in order to obtain more information to make a more informed decision. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion & Decision
regarding keeping of
Animals in the City**

5. Informational item related to Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission model ordinances

Ms. Sparapani addressed the board regarding the new MADACC ordinances. She explained that these ordinances were developed by looking at similar ordinances already in place across the country. The first ordinance is regarding tethering which is basically keeping a dog on a chain outside all of the time. This causes aggression and makes the animals non-adoptable. It's difficult to ban tethering so instead the ordinance says that tethering must be done with appropriate materials and not during extreme weather. This ordinance also addresses dogs in the back of pickup trucks that are not secured and leashes (usually retractable) that are longer than 6 feet.

The other ordinance is the trap/neuter/release of feral cats. Feral cats that are brought in to MADACC are euthanized. They cannot be rehabilitated. There are many animal groups that advocate the neutering and releasing of feral cats. Some of these groups are doing the TNR on their own. The feeling is that if the groups are going to do it, it needs to be regulated. About 500 feral cats from Milwaukee County come into MADACC

**Information related to
MADACC**

yearly.

Mr. Rausch indicated that most of the responsible pet ownership draft language covered by MADACC's ordinance is already in Greenfield's code. If the board chooses to move forward this, the next step would be to decide where it fits and insert the pieces. The TNR piece would be a new portion to the ordinance.

6. Discussion & Decision related to Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission model ordinances

Discussion & Decision related to MADACC ordinances

Currently the City of Greenfield uses MADACC for animal control. If a feral cat was taken in, it would be assessed and if it is deemed feral, it would be euthanized. The average lifespan of a feral cat is two to three years. Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is a hot button issue in many communities. Board members agreed with many of ideas in the responsible pet ownership portion of MADACC's ordinance.

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Richard Dettman, to table this issue, crosswalk the information presented with the current ordinance and bring it back to the board. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Informational update related to recruitment of Public Health Interns

Recruitment of PH Interns

A posting was placed for Public Health Interns and seven applications were received. A round of interviews were completed narrowing down the applicants to four. The plan is to extend hire offers soon.

8. 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

Closed Session

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

9. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session

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.

10.	Public Health Legislative Updates No updates. WPHA and WALDAB did put out their legislative priorities. Mr. Rausch will send that to the board in the future.	Public Health Legislative Updates
11.	Public Health Research No updates.	Public Health Research
12.	Executive Officer's Report No Communicable Disease Report for this month. The STD Clinic funding will come through from the Medical College. The start date hasn't yet been determined but Mr. Rausch believes it will be in approximately six to nine months. The Health Department recently received a supply of condoms and lubricant from the ARCW, the Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin. Those products are in a basket on the front counter.	Executive Officer's Report
13.	Chairperson's Report No Report	Chairperson's Report
14.	Aldersperson's Report No Report	Aldersperson's Report
15.	Miscellaneous Board Member's Report No Report	Miscellaneous Board Member's Report
16.	Items For Future Agendas • Discussion and decision related to of keeping of animals. The focus will be to add the numbers permitted and animal fanciers. • Further discussion regarding coordinating our ordinances with MADACC's ordinances and approving a draft ordinance focusing on responsible pet ownership.	Future Agenda Items

17. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Allen Owen, Seconded by Pam Akers to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. The motion carried unanimously.