
BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

OF
APRIL 7, 2016

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON	LEONARD GILES - Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON	VICKI HANLON – Present
MEMBERS	KATHRYN MOLOUGHNEY – Absent PATRICIA SKUBON – Present BARBARA ROSE - Present
HEALTH INSPECTOR	MIKE KOWAL - Present
SECRETARY	MARY ELLEN KARAMUS – Present

2. THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS WEBSITE AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: Motion made by Vice Chair Hanlon; Seconded by Board Member Skubon. All Present, Aye

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS METING: January 14, 2016 - Reorganizaton and Regular Meeting:
Motion made by Vice Chair Hanlon; Seconded by Board Member Skubon. All Present, Aye

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

- December 2015 Health Officer Report
- January 2016 Health Officer Report
- Borough Resolution 2016-41 with attached Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division 1.12.16 Correspondence
- 2.23.16 Correspondence from Kleinfelder Re. Route 71 & Shore Road
 - Chairperson Giles brought up the continued DEP (Exxon Mobil) site. Mike Kowal informed the Board that it is not a superfund site; it is a continued site due to the fact that gas stations are tested since tanks can leak and if there is high ground water, owners have to get a contractor as per DEP requirements. Groundwater contamination can shift in residential areas and that is why the Commission is involved. There is a map with shaded areas where residences cannot be located. Board Member Skubon asked what is on the property. The answer is Harold's Mobil. Chairperson Giles pointed out that the

correspondence indicates that the property owner is looking for relief from their current classification and Mike Kowal said yes, that once the DEP, property owner and an environmental contractor address a site and the situation is deemed resolved, a letter goes out for DEP review and final closure.

- Spring 2016 Rabies Clinic Schedule
- February 2016 Health Officer Report
 - Chairperson Giles inquired if there were any questions about the Health Officer notes. Board Member Skubon asked about Wreck Pond and the pipe work and any impact on swimming. Mike Kowal responded that that is no longer an issue. Chairperson Giles noted that all of the equipment that had been there was gone as of today. Mike Kowal stated that the permit required had ended April 7, which was an extension from March 15th. Since the project was not completed, they had to break down today's date and will reassemble after the bathing season, which is forecast out to the first or second week of September. Chairperson Giles asked about the final project. Mike Kowal explained that a second pipe is being put in to flush out the pond at high tide involved and that there will be a true tidal flow based on low and high tides and a flushing in and out. He also mentioned that the DEP found that the longer pipe was an engineering error and the pond could not flow out correctly. The decision on how big the pipe should be is a consideration which also involves U.S Fish and Wildlife who also looked into the long pipe and were concerned with herrings having a need for daylight for their run and the pipe being too long which hinders that as well so they were involved with the project also. Chairperson Giles inquired if there had been dredging. Mike Kowal stated that yes, they did and they had done what they wanted to do there and they will continue eventually to the Black Creek area, the west side of the pond. Mike Kowal also commented that with a shorter pipe there was a concern with bathing season in the bathing zone and discharge from the pipe and possible bacterial issues. He stated that it is not an issue however. The plan as of now is that it is going to be closed and opened only in emergency situations. They will find out and confirm more next year.
 - Chairperson Giles asked about the previous water testing sampling policy with a quarter inch of rainfall and closing of the beaches depending upon the result. Mike Kowal commented that that is no longer in effect due to historical data of no added bacteria during rainfall. Monday testing samplings will be conducted from the environmental team at strategic points along the Jersey shore, Monmouth County, to get a general idea of bacteria levels and if there is an issue with results above the standard, there will be resampling immediately along with an advisory and closing of beaches for bathing until better testing. Last year DEP did rainfall monitoring, which was needed since that was the first year of not having the rainfall testing policy.
 - Chairperson Giles asked if there were any other questions on the Health Officer Report. There were none.
- MCRHC - Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division documents
 - Board Member Rose asked about mosquito spraying. Mike Kowal said there is not routine Mosquito Commission spraying but that if there are complaints in a neighborhood, the Health Commission is notified and will go out to the area complained of and check. The Mosquito Commission will then be notified of a mosquito issue and then the Mosquito Commission will then treat the specific area if necessary but routine spraying is not done unless, as in last year's season, there are cases of West Nile in humans. He also mentioned that there is a tire collection program this year which is helpful in mosquito control. Crow testing is no longer done also per Mike Kowal at the State level. If the Mosquito Commission is getting complaints, they will put out mosquito pools, which are containers of mosquitos from an area that are gathered and they can be tested. That is a good indicator of West Nile, and, if positive, there can be treatment of an area. Board Member Rose inquired about Zika, Mike Kowal said the Commission is updated constantly, there are numerous discussions about it and there is nothing that they are too concerned about as of yet but there is

constant monitoring and updating of the Zika situation.

- Spring Lake Heights Activity Report 1.14.2016 through 3.23.2016
 - Chairperson Giles and Board Member Skubon brought up the continued DEP (Exxon Mobil) site. Mike Kowal informed the Board that it is not a superfund site; as the site on 35 is. It is a continued site due to the fact that gas stations are tested because tanks can leak. If tests come back high, there can be ground infiltration. Homeowners may have to get an environmental contractor per DEP requirements. The Commission is involved due to groundwater contamination which can shift around in the ground in residential areas. As a result, there are classifications and there can be no residences in the shaded area on a map, which is a small area in this case, and that is why the Commission is involved. Board Member Skubon asked what is on the property. Mike responded monitoring wells, but the property referred to in the correspondence is Harold's Mobil. The Commission is to ensure nobody drills any potable water or irrigation wells in that area. Chairperson Giles brought up that the correspondence indicates that the property owner is looking for relief from the classification and Mike Kowal said yes, that once the DEP works with an environmental contractor and the situation is deemed resolved, one of these letters goes out but the DEP still reviews it for final closure.
 - Chairperson Giles inquired about the Paint the Town Pink event. Board Secretary reported the town will be decorated for the month and that there will be an event at the Community Center on May 24 involving giveaways and there will be a presentation by two doctors in the field of breast cancer.
 - Chairperson Giles brought the Board up to date on the status of Long Branch potentially becoming a member of the Commission. It is still potentially in the works and they are still in negotiations. Long Branch is still with the Commission for the next three months.

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

8. VOICE CLOSED BY / AT : PM

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY: Vice Chair Hanlon; Seconded by Board Member Skubon; AT: 7:48 PM; ALL YES

SIGNED:



MARY ELLEN KARAMUS
BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY
June 2, 2016