
BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

OF
October 6, 2016

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: 7:33 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON	LEONARD GILES – Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON	VICKI HANLON – Absent
MEMBERS	KATHRYN MOLOUGHNEY - Present
	PATRICIA SKUBON – Present
	BARBARA ROSE – Absent

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 Board Member Moloughney; Seconded by Board Member Skubon. All Present, Aye
4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
June 2, 2016 - Motion made by Chairperson Giles; Seconded by Board Member Moloughney. All Present, Aye
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - 7.30.16 NJLBHA Correspondence
 - Chairperson Giles mentioned the NJLBHA website courses, he took one or two. He suggested Board members look at the website which offers information on responsibilities on being a member of a Board. He asked Mike Kowal if he had taken any courses. Mike said he has taken courses, if not through NJLBHA, but mirroring their courses.

- MCRHC #1 Spring 2016 Newsletter
- MCRHC #1 Summer/Fall 2016 Newsletter
 - Chairperson Giles mentioned the MCRHC Health Source quarterly Newsletter. He feels they are informative. He also pointed out that Health Commissioner Margaret Fisher, who works at Monmouth Medical Center, received Pediatrician of the Year Award. Chairperson Giles feels she is a “Great contributor to the Commission.”
 - Board Member Moloughney pointed out that the summer/fall newsletter weather watch vs weather warning, referred to in the newsletter was very helpful.
- Spring Lake Heights Activity report 4.7.16 through 9.27.16
 - Board Member Skubon noted on the activity report that Hoffman’s passed inspection. Mike said yes; that it involved mostly housekeeping errors.
 - Chairperson Giles questioned the entry in May, the possible mosquito breeding site, was that a pool? Mike Kowal indicated it was in an abandoned looking house, but not abandoned and that there were multiple code enforcement issues. The Health Commission became involved due to possible mosquito involvement. The Commission is routinely notified as far as any risk of a breeding site. Chairperson Giles asked whether with an abandoned swimming pool, what methods of mosquito control are possibly utilized, and if the pool is treated. Mike Kowal mentioned mosquito dunks being used. He also pointed out that the Commission does not do the treatment or uses pesticides; they identify it. The Mosquito Commission is notified and they can possibly go look at it. Chairperson Giles asked if the Commission’s not using pesticides pertains to a possible legal risk. Mike Kowal responded yes, and he also mentioned that in the past the possibility of domesticated animals eating rat poisoning and dying had occurred.
 - Board Member Moloughney inquired about the entry in the activity report of a home complaint about garbage, trash and debris , left door hanger; does that mean a neighbor is complaining about that and what does “left door hangers” mean in regard to mosquito control? Mike Kowal, responded that, yes you can complain about a neighbor which then turns into a code enforcement issue; however, if a restaurant complaint is made, then the Commission takes care of that, such as with Hoffman’s. He also stated that both the Health Commission and Code Enforcement responded in the case of Hoffman’s. Also, as far as door hangers, if there is no answer to a knock at a door, door hangers are left which contain information regarding mosquito issues and control. If the mosquito situation is not addressed by the homeowner, then the Mosquito Commission does make sure the issue is addressed. Board Member Moloughney asked if garbage attracts mosquitos. Mike Kowal said yes. They look for vermin, feeding sources or actual animals as well. In the summer mosquitos are an immediate risk.
 - Board Member Skubon asked how long a dog is quarantined for for dog bites. Mike Kowal stated 10 days for observation. If the animal has rabies, and salivary glands are positive, then it is end stage. Within 3 to 5 days they would die. They double that time to 10 days for quarantining as a precaution. They stay in the home. Board Member Skubon asked if release means the owner can now bring the pet outside and Mike Kowal said yes. The dog can go back to normal activity. Mike Kowal also pointed out that the big factor is the victim of the bite does not have to go through prophylaxis. Board Member Moloughney pointed out that there were so many bites in the report. Mike Kowal responded

that that is because of the summer months, more people out, our population increases. Chairman Giles commented that most transmissions are cats? Mike Kowal said among domesticated animals, cats, yes. You have a high population of feral cats that people feed and people may consider them their pets, but they are not vaccinated.

- Chairperson Giles asked about water analyses and are there three different tests, three or two; one a biologic and one a chemical? The report seemed to change. Mike Kowal indicated that toward the end of the year, there was a data entry system change; just a new way of putting information into reports
- Board Member Moloughney asked about hydrant flushing in town and possible precautions, if any, in addition to the running of water. She understands about running the cold water but what about the washing clothes, dishes? Mike Kowal stated you want to run the water enough where you want to wait for coloration to go away. He suggests running water outside if weather permits and/or running water in a bathtub. He explained that the pressure is higher and mineral content and sediment in pipes are stirred up due to the high pressure of the flushing. Board Member Moloughney noted that her icemaker has not been working since the hydrant flushing and Mike Kowal said sediment may have clogged it. Chairperson Giles suggested changing the filter. Mike Kowal mentioned advance notice of water hydrant flushing. It was noted that it is on the Borough calendar.
- Chairperson Giles asked about the OPRA on 706 Jersey Avenue. Mike Kowal responded it was a potential buyer or realtor regarding any environmental issues, septic abandoned properly or where it was located; wells on the property or any possible environmental issue on the property.
- Chairperson Giles asked about the flu clinic. Mike Kowal reported that the Community Center had 6 people. Chairperson Giles stated he felt they should rethink the clinic. Mike Kowal said the topic has been brought up over the past couple of years. He added that Fairway Mews was successful. Mike Kowal said there were 53 flu shots and quite a few pneumonia. Chairperson Giles asked how long the Community Center was. Mike said that it was one hour. Chairperson Giles stated he feels one clinic would be fine.
- Chairperson Giles asked if there was anything further on the activity report or anything else.
- MCRHC #1 80th Anniversary Celebration Invitation
 - Chairperson Giles noted that the Health Commission was celebrating their 80th anniversary, and that the Commission is the largest health department in New Jersey. There will be a luncheon on October 21 to mark the anniversary. Speakers will be present and Governor Christie is making a proclamation. The Health Commission is the oldest and largest Commission in New Jersey. Anyone may go.

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. VOICE CLOSED BY / AT : PM

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

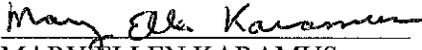
12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairperson Giles inquired if the Board would like to consider a new time and/or new meeting day, maybe Tuesday and an earlier time.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY: Chairperson Giles; Seconded by Board Member
Moloughney; AT: 7:50 PM; ALL YES

SIGNED:


MARY ELLEN KARAMUS
BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY
December 2, 2016