

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on June 12, 2013 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Peg Dugan
Mrs. Pam Nelson
Mrs. Catherine Marshall

Attending: Mr. John McDermott, Environmental Health Specialist

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dugan at 7:33 PM. She stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Dugan moved that the Minutes of May 8, 2013 be amended as follows: on the topic of the water in the restrooms at Community Park ball fields – The problem has been resolved by having the water available to each user for 15 seconds at a time. Mrs. Marshall made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Environmental Specialist's Report

Mr. McDermott reported that the Board of Health participated in planning and reviewing ordinances with the County. He was involved in this planning and has offered his assistance with drafting future ordinances.

Mr. McDermott spent a good deal of time at the Community Park Pool. The pool should be ready to open this coming weekend (6/15), pending lab results. He had returned last Friday but the lab samples were not available from the lab yet. This prohibited the pool from opening. Since the sample had just been taken that morning, the 48 hours necessary to process the sample had not elapsed. There was also a problem with the emergency phone and an electrical inspection that needed to be performed. When the lab results came back on Monday, the numbers were still unacceptable. The electrical inspection was completed by then and the phone was in working order. Mr. McDermott is therefore hoping that the pool will open for the upcoming weekend.

Idlewild pool received approval to open but must repair the fence. The entrance gate needs a self-latching device, unless there is an attendant stationed there.

Foxwood received an approval to open, pending a replacement of the motor and pump. He did allow them more time to complete work on the enclosure.

John reported that the County has developed a Standard Operating Procedure for handling animal bites. This includes the procedures implemented when a Rabies Report is received. He has obtained the

Consumer Product Safety standards for pool slides. The Emergency Management Plan has been completed.

There were two reports of Lyme Disease and two reports of Chicken Pox. Mr. McDermott presented the Nurse's Report for the month and noted that the Health Bones program will restart in the Fall.

Mr. McDermott's inspections for the month were as follows:

Only one mobile ice cream truck was ready for inspection. The two pre-schools had very good results with their inspections.

The Acme has plenty of refrigeration units. There was a problem of water leakage from a mister. This was repaired. The Stop N Shop Pea Pod has been assembled outside the store and is operating. The supermarket staff loads the order into the customer's car for them.

Two company cafes were inspected and given Conditionals, due to sanitation. Mr. McDermott felt that they needed to pay more attention to sanitation. They were subsequently revisited and given Satisfactories.

Old Business

As an update to the empty house on Franklin Place, Mrs. Dugan reported that both Mr. Salerno and Mr. Esse are working closely with the bank to assure that the cleanup is completed.

New Business

Mr. McDermott reminded the Board about the upcoming Food Handler's Course being held in late June. The Board asked how the enrollment was progressing. He said that there are approximately 10 handlers signed up for the class in English and the same number for the class offered in Spanish. As John conducts inspections, he mentions the upcoming course and encourages the handlers to attend. The Board then decided that it would be a nice gesture for the Board to send letters to each participant once the class is completed.

Mrs. Dugan reported that information on mold removal was placed on the website by Mr. Perez. She also mentioned that there is a problem with feral cats on Forest Court. Since these cats seem to be receiving food, the problem has escalated. She asked if Mr. Perez has spoken with the Animal Control Officer, Meredith, about the problem. John will check with Carlos. Peg reminded the Board that she plans to invite Meredith to a Board meeting within the next few months.

Mrs. Dugan then brought up the topic of smoke free parks. She reported that 2 counties are currently working on ordinances to make parks smoke free. This makes the Board aware of the possibility of the need for one within our Borough in the future. Peg has checked with the Mayor and neither of them is aware of any resident having a problem with smoke in any of the parks. But she does plan to have the banner placed on the fences of the fields that asks people not to smoke.

Mrs. Dugan reported that the County Nurse, Cindie Bella, has begun her coverage at Community Park. Her schedule is on the Borough web site and she now has a phone and internet service, through the efforts of Councilwoman Fu.

Correspondence

Local Boards of Health Newsletter
County Health solicitation letter

Bills

County Health Services bill for the first quarter of 2013 - \$14,709.39

Mrs. Nelson made a motion to approve. Mrs. Marshall seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Dugan - yes
 Mrs. Marshall - yes
 Mrs. Nelson - yes

Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mrs. Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary