

The virtual regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by Board President at the above time and date. The Compliance Statement as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, and Chapter 231 was read by the Board President.

Present: Dr. Lincoln, Dr. Miller, Ms. Deppert, Dr. Valas, Ms. Scheulen and Mr. Spies

Excused: Dr. Weiss and Ms. Szot

Also Present: Ms. Quinn – Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist  
Councilwoman Epstein - Council Liaison  
Ms. Tardibuono – Board Secretary

Public Comment: Ruth Raikher called in to listen to the meeting.

Invoices: No invoices for June

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the May 21, 2020 meeting was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Valas and carried by all members eligible to vote.

Reports: The following activity reports are on file in the Borough Board of Health Office.

Health Consultation Reports: The Board went over the submitted May 2020 reports.

Monthly Dog License Reports: December 2019 – March 2020

MMWR: Ms. Szot was not present.

Council Report: Councilwoman Epstein spoke about the Covid-19 testing the county did in Park Ridge for our residents as well as Montvale and Woodcliff Lake a couple of weeks ago. There was 442 saliva tests and 240 antibody tests.

Dr. Miller asked if the majority of reported deaths in Park Ridge was from the Atrium. Councilwoman Epstein said she believes about 90% of them were.

REHS Monthly Reports: Ms. Quinn spoke about how pools, tanning salons, day camps and tattoo shops all need a pre-operational inspection. Park Ridge does not have a tanning salon and the day camp chose not to operate this summer.

Ms. Quinn already has an appointment with Park Avenue Tattoos scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020. Tattoo shops need fresh air, not just circulated air. Partitions should be placed between each tattoo station. The representative from Park Avenue Tattoos explained that there will be no partitions, but instead they chose to alternate customer appointments. If they get busy they will install partitions.

Ms. Quinn spoke about outdoor dining and how inspections are being set up to be sure the establishments are working as they should be according to code.

Ms. Quinn stated that the Park Ridge pool is set to open this season with many restrictions. They can open having a maximum number of patrons set at 100 (not including staff). This number should go up after July 7, 2020. The pool will impose the following restrictions; all members must bring their own lawn chairs to the pool, everybody must wear a mask except while in the pool swimming. All public pools should assign an ambassador to make sure everybody is following the guidelines. Ms. Quinn stated that she will speak with the pool manager, Tom Bauer regarding the food service. Ms. Deppert asked if the pool table and chairs need to be cleaned after each person leaves. Ms. Quinn said they should be.

Dr. Valas asked who gave all of the town restaurants information on what protocol they should be following. Ms. Tardibuono said she e-mailed all information she received to all food establishments. Dr. Valas asked who polices the restaurants, Ms. Quinn said they will be re-inspecting and will go over all information with all of the outdoor dining restaurants. A member asked if salt & pepper shakers were being cleaned off after each use. Ms. Quinn said that is a good question, they really should be.

Ms. Quinn stated that indoor pools will most likely not be opening this year.

Ms. Quinn said that the state is really encouraging outdoor and not recycled air. Dr. Valas said certain buildings have the capacity of bringing in fresh air, but it is very difficult and can be costly.

Dr. Valas commented that Executive Directive 20-14 is protocols for food establishments.

Ms. Quinn commented that less than 2% of the mobile unit testing is coming back with positive results.

Dr. Lincoln asked about the animal bite on the REHS monthly report located at 32 Fremont Avenue. Ms. Quinn said she was not on this call and has no specific information.

Correspondence: No new items for June 2020

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: The Board discussed the following items:

Dr. Valas presented a letter from the Public Health Associations' Collaborative Effort (PHACE) regarding contact tracing. Ms. Tardibuono will forward a copy of this letter to all members.

Dr. Valas spoke about EOP Annex 11 and how the signage is incorrect on the front page. The signature for the Board of Health should be Dr. Lincoln and not Kathie Bowen. Dr. Valas suggests that the signage gets changed as this is a liability. Dr. Lincoln will contact the OEM Coordinator, Sergeant Michael Babcock, to implement the signage change.

Public Comment: Ms. Rainkher asked if the meetings can be continued virtually to make it easy for the public. She was told the meetings are only being held virtually because of the pandemic.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Valas at 8:28 pm, seconded by Ms. Scheulen and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 7:30 pm. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

.....Tonya Tardibuono.....

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