

FINAL
Village of Oak Park
Board of Health
May 26, 2015
Conference Room 102
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Chair Miller; Commissioners: Danstrom, Lowrie and Vesqua.

Also Present: Lisa Shelley, Deputy Village Manager /Interim Health Director, Mike Charley, Environmental Health Supervisor

2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved, first by Danstrom, second by Lowrie
3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 28, 2015 were approved, first Danstrom second Lowrie

4. Public Comment:

None

5. New Business

A) Review West Nile Prevention Program and Develop a Draft Recommendations to the Village Board

Chairperson Miller provided an overview of the public forum on West Nile Prevention held last month. Commissioner Danstrom stated that after review of the materials from the public as well as the information presented at the forum and materials from the CDC, he believes the Village's current practice for West Nile Prevention is effective. Commissioner Vesqua also believes the current program is effective. Commissioner Lowrie stated that originally his perception was that the program was all spraying but through this review learned that spraying is only used as a last resort and therefore is also supportive of the current practice. Also, given that the spraying was not deemed harmful to the bee population; he was in agreement that the current program is something he can support. Chairperson Miller stated that since the Village's current program is in line with the CDC's recommendations and the products are certified by the EPA, she is supportive of the Village's current program. The Commission did add that if any new or revised recommendations should arise from the CDC, the Commission could revisit the issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Danstrom and second by Commissioner Lowrie, to recommend to the Village Board support for the current practices for West Nile Prevention which includes the use of mosquito spraying when necessary. The Commission unanimously voted in support of this recommendation.

Chairperson Miller will summarize the findings in a written report to the Village Board which will be shared with the Commission.

The Commission then discussed how information can be shared with the public about mosquito spraying using the Village's Twitter and Facebook pages as well as asking the Park District to possibly have a link on their web site too.

6. Old Business

The Commission asked for more information to provide public outreach such as a table at the Farmers Market and Day in Our Village.

The Commission asked if information from the Village such as content on the web page or brochures were available in other languages.

At the June next meeting, the Commission will start to review the Tobacco 21 issue and make a formal recommendation to the Village Board. The Commission will also review the updated 2015 Work Plan.

The Commission asked if participation could occur via telephone. Deputy Manager Shelley will provide a response at the next meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Shelley
Deputy Village Manager/Interim Health Director