

Meeting Minutes - Approved
Oak Park Board of Health
Tuesday January 26, 2016 - 7 PM
Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Chair Florence Miller; Commissioners Jassen Strokosch, Jonathan Mizgala, Bob Danstrom, Edgar Vesga, Joel Lowrie, Edward Pont

Also Present: Staff Liaison: Mike Charley, Interim Health Director: Guests: Leacia Berry (Illinois Benedictine student), Keisha Dawkins (Illinois Benedictine student), Jeanette Batista (Illinois Benedictine student), Maria Ayala (Illinois Benedictine University)

Excused: None

- I. Call to Order @ 7:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved; First by Commissioner Lowrie, second by Commissioner Pont
- III. Approval of the Minutes of November 24, 2015: Minutes approved; First by Commissioner Vesga, second by Commissioner Lowrie
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. Commissioner Updates
 - a. A Day in Our Village Activities – Vesga observed that the Village is asking students to help at A Day in Our Village. The Board of Health may want to consider requesting student assistance at event. Pont asked about the food vendors at A Day in Our Village and whether the Village Board of Health could possibly interact with them regarding healthy food choices. Charley will provide Pont with a list of food vendors via email following the meeting. Danstrom noted that the word “Health Ambassadors” showed up in last month’s meeting minutes, Danstrom was interested in more information on health ambassadors. Chair Miller responded that a health ambassador would be someone roaming A Day in Our Village sharing information on Public Health. Lowrie recommended that prior to a Day in Our Village that a list of topics/information to share with the public be discussed by the Board of Health and a set number of items to share should be agreed upon.
 - b. Underage Drinking Initiatives – Chair Miller communicated that the Oak Park Township has received a grant funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services. The purpose of the grant is to bring together coalition partners using the Strategic Prevention Framework to reduce past 30-day

alcohol rates of underage drinking amount 8th to 12th graders. Chair Miller communicated that the Illinois Youth Survey shows that Oak Park has issues with adolescent underage drinking. The Township is doing a five step process and gathering data. There are many community stakeholders including Chair Miller participating that will develop plans that are sustainable and culturally sensitive that will combat adolescent teenage drinking. The stakeholders are scheduled to meet every three months.

VI. New Business:

- a. Invite Thrive President/CEO Nina Allen to BOH meeting – Commissioner Strokosch communicated that he will attend Township’s Community Mental Health Board meeting in February. At the February Board of Health meeting Strokosch will share what he learned from this meeting. The BOH will then use this information to decide which local mental health groups to invite to speak at future BOH meetings.
- b. Police Department to BOH meeting: Chair Miller stated that the Police Department will participate in February’s meeting to discuss bike helmets and any other issues or areas which they have identified that relate to Public Health.

VII. Old Business

- a. Tobacco 21: Charley shared information regarding the next steps in the process including Chair Miller presentation on Tobacco 21 to the Business Association Council tomorrow morning and submitting the necessary documents to the Village Board to get their recommendations on the next steps with Village legislation, if any, on Tobacco 21. Mike Charley will work with the Village legal department to draft language change for the current ordinance.
- b. Dr. Fitzsimmons Award – Charley communicated that the Health Department will soon be accepting nominations for the annual Fitzsimmons Award, which honors those who made exceptional contributions to improving health of Oak Parkers during 2015. Charley will share the nomination form with the BOH when available.
- c. Chair Miller stated that since the last BOH meeting she visited the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website and found their policy on the harmful effects of pesticides on children. Miller communicated she shared information from the AAP with the Chair of the Energy and Environment Commission to assist in finalizing the brochure that had been presented by EEC chair last year.
- d. Commissioner Vesga inquired about follow up to a previous question about having a student representative on the BOH. Chair Miller stated that at this time the Board has the full compliment of members. Commissioner Strokosch stated that a change in wording for commission membership no longer requires a student as a full commissioner. Having a student as ex-officio member was discussed.

VIII. Adjourn at 7:59 pm: First by Commissioner Pont, second by Commissioner Lowrie

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 23, 2016