

## MEETING MINUTES

### Oak Park Board of Health Tuesday June 28, 2016 - 7 PM Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Chair Florence Miller; Commissioners Jassen Strokosch, Edward Pont, Edward Pont, Edgar Vesga, Dhana Ganesan

Also Present: Staff Liaison: Mike Charley, Interim Health Director:

Guests: Leigh Eicher, League of Women's Voters; Students: None

Excused: Commissioner: Bob Danstrom, Jonathan Mizgala

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved, first by Ganesan second by Pont
- III. Approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2016: Minutes approved, first by Strokosch, second by Ganesan
- IV. Public Comment: No comments
- V. Commissioner Updates
  - A. Bike Safety Handout Update: Chair Miller stated that Commissioner Bob Danstrom had submitted recommendations to the Police Department. The status of this new handout is unknown and will be discussed at a future meeting.
  - B. Workgroup for Positive Youth Development – Parent and Youth Groups: Miller communicated that this group (Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships For Success (SPF-PFS) Grant) have had several meetings with community stakeholders both private and public organizations. Miller communicated that the next step in this group's needs assessment process is to meet and engage the public on the issue of teenage drinking. Miller has invited Vicki Scaman, the group's chair, to come and present at the next BOH meeting.
  - C. Childhood Obesity – Collaboration for Early Childhood Speaker: Miller communicated that she has made attempts to reach out to Carolyn Newberry Swartz and will continue to reach out to her to inquire if she would be willing to participate in a future BOH meeting.
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Tobacco 21 Update: The Tobacco 21 ordinance was passed by the Village Board on June 6. The ordinance will go into effect August 1, 2016 except for the section regarding the minimum age of the tobacco seller which will go into effect on August 1, 2017. Vesga inquired, what the decision was on the penalties in the ordinance?. Miller provided Vesga with some information regarding the ordinance penalties. Miller had reached out to Mark Peysakovich at the American Heart Association regarding them helping with educational materials. Peysakovich communicated that the American Heart Association has educational materials that they can share with the Village. Interim Health Director Charley communicated that he will be meeting with Village Staff this week to discuss strategies on communicating the new ordinance information to the tobacco retailers. Vesga communicated that the Evanston Police in conjunction with the Evanston Board of Health visited each tobacco retailer after their ordinance was passed. Vesga then recommended that the Village website have information on the ordinance update. Discussion continued whether BOH members should participate in educating tobacco retailers also. The outcome was that if the Village staff believe BOH member participation is required, several BOH members stated that they would be willing to help out.

- B. Day in Our Village: Miller inquired with the BOH members how well they thought A Day in Our Village went. Strokosch stated that he felt that it's good to be out in the public sharing information. Ganesan stated that the children did complete the kid's handout, having give-a-ways that encourage people to come to the booth is important. Vesga stated that the booth location was good, he interacted with quite a few people, especially in the Zika Virus. Vesga stated that more handouts are needed. Vesga also communicated that the table at the booth could use a "Board of Health" table cloth and/or a sign and that more volunteers are needed to man the booth. Vesga recommended maybe having a child's activity table. Vesga recommended finding grant monies to purchase things like coloring books. Strokosch recommended giving away condoms. Vesga stated that the anti-vaccine group was at the market and were very aggressive.
- C. Farmers' Market Summer Date: The Commission is scheduled to participate on Saturday July 23.
- D. Telephone Participation: Charley communicated that it is the Village Manager's policy that commissioners attend the meetings in person, not via telephone call. Vesga stated that he is concerned about this decision. Vesga believes that this contradicts the Open Meetings Act. Miller stated that she would advocate that active commissioners are allowed to participate via telephone. She will reach out to Village staff on this issue. Strokosch provided some background that there are certain commissions that have trouble getting a quorum. Vesga asked if there was a written policy on this and requested a copy. Strokosch stated that the language regarding commissioners attending meetings is within the enabling language on the website.

VII. New Business

- A. 2016 Fitzsimmons Award Nomination Review: Charley provided the BOH with some background information on the Fitzsimmons and the Johnson's Restaurant Awards. Charley shared a summary of the Fitzsimmons award nominations with the BOH and stated that the awards will be given out at a future Village Board meeting. Chair Miller will review the nominee applications with Charley and the winners will be notified soon.

VIII. Adjourn @ 8:13 pm, first by Ganesan, second by Strokosch