

Minutes
Oak Park Board of Health
Tuesday, August 28, 2018- 7:00 PM
Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Jennifer Fritz, Noel Chavez, Ryan Patrick, Adrienne Rogers, Susan Buchanan

Excused: Natalie Serratos

Guests: None

- I. Call to Order @ 7:05 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved, first Chavez, second Rogers
- III. Approval of the Minutes of June 26, 2018: Approved, first Chavez, second Rogers
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Old Business
 - A. Village Board referral to review Chapter 5-5-3 of the Village Code “Animals Prohibited in Public Buildings” as it relates to food establishments: Miller related that the Village Board approved an ordinance on July 30, an amendment that now allows dogs in a craft brew lounge with a class D-16 liquor license.
 - B. E-Cigarette referral from Village Board:
 - Fritz asked if we could get into schools to discuss e-cigarettes. Miller mentioned the Positive Youth Development group and the work they have done with the OPRF High School. Fritz mentioned that Junior High should also be included in the target demographic. Miller to reach out to Kelly O’Connor at the Township/the Positive Youth Development group to request information as to what schools (middle and high schools) are doing in regards to e-cigarette education with their students.
 - Patrick mentioned that other governing bodies use license fees to support regulation and/or education. Increasing license fees to tobacco retailers to fund compliance checks may be an option. Miller warned that increasing fees may impact tobacco retailers and that this should be considered. Chavez asked whether the Village taxes tobacco sales and whether increasing the tax for e-cigarettes is a possibility. Chavez related that the Village has a gasoline tax.
 - Patrick mentioned that other communities have enacted flavor bans; however this may impact the local economy.
 - Miller mentioned that parent education is important. Buchanan communicated that parents may not be aware that e-cigarettes have a lot of the same harmful health effects as cigarettes. Fritz asked if the BOH could communicate the risks of e-cigarettes to groups already interacting directly with

the schools and/or the schools themselves. Chavez asked whether we can provide information to PTO's regarding juuls and e-cigarettes.

- Chavez asked whether there can be a small paragraph in the Oak Park FYI with a link to the resources. Miller asked about the newsfeed on the website. Charley communicated that the BOH could produce something to provide to Communications, however the timing on the information sharing may want to occur after presenting the different options to the Village Board.
- Fritz mentioned that providing local pediatricians with information on e-cigarettes, including encouraging screening adolescents when they visit primary care physicians. BOH members also mentioned that sharing information with dentists, physicians and other health service providers in an option.
- Chavez also mentioned that there is a moms group and that e-cigarette information can be shared with them. Patrick mentioned that there are other groups as well including dads groups that can be contacted.
- Charley to ask the Police Department if Cook County or other outside State agencies offer compliance check assistance.
- Miller communicated that she will create a written draft recommendation to the Village Board based on what was discussed tonight and the literature available on this topic and the BOH can review the draft recommendation at the September BOH meeting.

C. Village Board referral to review Chapter 5-4-11 of the Village Code "Limitation on Animals per Household" as it relates to multi-family properties.:

- Charley will get a list of multi-family property owners. The BOH has discussed drafting a survey as to whether they would support an increase in animal limitations in multi-family housing from one to two dogs per unit. Make sure to include condo associations. Some draft questions below. Florence Miller will finalize questions and submit them to Mike Charley.
 - a) Do you support increasing the limit of dogs from one to two?
 - b) What are your concerns with increasing limitations?
 - c) Would your renters or other property owners (condos) have any concerns?
 - d) If the Village increased the limit to 2, would you then update your bylaws or lease agreements to limit only 1?

Buchanan asked if the limitations could also include size in the equation? For example allowing multi-family owners to have two small dogs of a specific size/weight.

- Charley will ask staff to complete a survey of surrounding municipalities to see what their limitations are for multi-family housing.

D. Review of BOH Work Plan: The BOH reviewed and approved the 2019 Work Plan, first by Patrick, second by Rogers

E. Farmers Market – August 4th: Miller thanked BOH members for attending the Farmers' Market.

VI. New Business

A. Marijuana: Miller communicated that there was an increase on the Illinois Youth Survey where students self-reported using marijuana.

VII. Adjourn @ 8:50 pm, first by Fritz, second by Patrick