

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 7:25 pm by Alexandra Zubok, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Corinne Woodward called the roll:

PRESENT: Alexandra Zubok
 Debra Dziubinsky
 Nancy Peet

ABSENT: Michelle Di Benedetti
 Cynthia Cappell

PROFESSIONALS: Gary Dorsi, Senior REHS
 Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant
 Alexandra Fox, Local Health Outreach Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Zubok asked for an approval on the minutes from the May 9th, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Zubok and unanimously approved by all present.

NURSING REPORT

Please see attached report. Mr. Dorsi went over the key highlights. NJDOH released updated guidance to the K-12 COVID recommendations for schools and early childcare centers. NWBRCH will be offering a Zoom meeting in September to discuss updates. Consistent increase in Monkey Pox cases over the past few weeks. No active cases in Midland Park. Nurses holding and info session on Monkeypox for the school nurses on September 16, 2022. Preparing for flu clinics in the fall, subject to receiving the vaccine.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The May - August 2022 reports were reviewed by Mr. Dorsi.

Highlights Included:

- Successful Rabies Clinic on May 9th, 2022. 71 Dogs and 21 Cats were vaccinated.
- Spanish Food Handlers scheduled for June 7th in Waldwick, all towns welcomed.
- Plastic ban law passed on May 4, 2022; establishments contacted with guidance.

- OTC COVID-19 tests from NJDOH distributed to each of our communities.
- Mr. Dorsi explained the new lead laws in regards to rental properties.
- Pool inspections / Youth camp inspections throughout June / July.
- Public Health Recalls during July and August; establishments contacted.
- Kentshire pool opened in August, monitoring pool results.
- In junction with Park Ridge Pharmacy hosting a program about prescription management at the Senior Center on October 19th, 2022.

Mrs. Peet questioned inquiry 039-221 re: Wendy's in June. Stated that the restaurant seems like it needs some repairs and questioned the cleanliness. Mr. Dorsi stated they have been inspected and everything is up to code.

CVS complaint 087-22C re: mice in July was mediated. Three continuous pest control reports showing no activity. Complaint abated.

Mr. Dorsi reviewed complaint 090-22C in regards to the rats. Inspector spot-checked the property with no violations. Complainant contracted with Buggin Out Pest Control.

Kentshire A/C complaint 097-22C was abated, compressors were repaired.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The May - August Registrar reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

Mrs. Woodward notes that as of July 4, 2022 the fee for marriage licenses was waived by the state.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 OTC tests: Test were distributed to towns. Discussed previously.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID / Flu Clinic: Spoke about previously. Planning for clinics in the fall; dates dependent on when we receive the vaccine.

Rabies Clinic: Successful, discussed earlier.

Massage Parlor Ordinance: Mrs. Peet questioned if there is a recommended ordinance to regulate. Mr. Dorsi stated these establishments are inspected by the state, but some towns have an ordinance to have the local health department inspect. We collect a fee from the fee schedule and they are licensed, but currently not inspected. There are many different entities which are all regulated differently. Mr. Dorsi said he does not believe there to be a regulatory code for the REHS to follow. We will follow up to see if there is a code, or if there is an ordinance we can recommend. The state does inspect these facilities.

Mrs. Peet questioned if the Board of Health can pass ordinance. Mr. Dorsi is going research and follow up.

Mrs. Zubok questioned what topic we were going to be presenting at Community Day on October 1st, 2022. We are going to follow up on who will be attending and what we are going to present to the town.

Ms. Fox presented the Demographics of NWBRHC's Municipalities.

As part of the Strengthening Public Health Capacity Grant we are required to do a demographic survey of our municipalities. This provides a snapshot of the community assists with identifying trends, populations of concern, etc. Ms. Fox created a population breakdown for Midland Park and included data in regards to race, household data, education, health status and poverty. Discussed the impact of the grant and what are focus is going to be next year; including shifting grant focus from solely COVID-19 to other communicable disease. Our main areas of concentration will include focusing on Hepatitis A, Lyme Disease and Rabies. Please presentation for additional details.

Mrs. Peet noted the importance of reviewing these statistics and how the poverty level is a concern. What can we do as a health department to help these families? Not only do we have to think about the younger population, but the senior population that is struggling as well. Maybe offer info sessions to break the stigma and create awareness. Can food establishments offer the food waste? As a Health Department we can try and come up with ways to help these community members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:50pm by Mrs. Zubok, and unanimously agreed to by all present. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, November 14, at 8:00 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant