

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, January 10, 2022**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 7:39 pm by Alexandra Zubok, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Gina Behre called the roll:

PRESENT: Alexandra Zubok
 Debra Dziubinsky
 Miguel Garcia
 Nancy Peet, Council Liaison

ABSENT: Michelle DiBenedetti

PROFESSIONALS: Gina Behre, Health Officer
 Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Zubok asked for an approval on the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Dziubinsky made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Peet and unanimously approved by all present.

NURSING REPORT

Mrs. Behre reviewed the nursing report, which was provided in writing by Mrs. Kirsteen Pinto, Public Health Nurse. For details, please refer to Nursing Report.

New COVID variant; watching the surge. Had to concentrate on vulnerable population, children and those over the age of 65 due to the number of cases. As per the CALI report, as of 12/25 we were in the very high range. New changes to the K-12 guidance happened today. Changed to shorten the isolation time from 10 days to 5 days for COVID positive cases. Vulnerable population, LTC centers and childcare centers were not included as they are still following the 10-day isolation timeline. Some schools allowing only those that are vaccinated to take part in extracurricular activities. Keeping in contact with nurses, superintendents to help explain guidance and recommendations. As for Midland Park, trying to keep the schools open while keeping the children safe. Still have to be mindful that can still be transmissible so have to be careful.

Mrs. Zubok questioned sports being associated with the vaccines. Is there a possibility for vaccines being mandated for sports? It is a recommendation when we are in high risk, but there is nothing mandatory. Has there been an update of infected individuals? Mrs. Peet stated last update was 295 cases as for the month of December. Pretty steady in regards to neighboring towns. Numbers are posted on the website

every week. Mrs. Peet asked question re: lunch in classroom? Would that be a better option? Mrs. Behre stated that some schools do eat in the classrooms. Depends on the school and how much space they have. Guidance is to minimize exposure during lunch.

Michael Dennato sent an email; Gina followed-up via email and telephone. Mrs. Peet said maybe we can send a letter via mail. He was looking for minutes to be posted for the website. We can start with 2021 and then update once the minutes have been approved.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The November and December 2021 Health Officer Activity Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health Members. For details, please refer to the Activity Reports.

Mrs. Behre pointed out that November was a very active month for inspections. Part-time REHS has been helping out and all the inspections have been completed for the year. Mrs. Peet indicated that there were permanently closed establishments listed on the bottom of report. They will be added to the inspection list instead of correspondence in the future.

Mrs. Peet questioned the inquiry 026-21I at dental office located on Godwin Ave. Who follows up on this? Mrs. Behre stated normally we refer to the division of consumer affairs. Often, we will make a call to the establishment and make them aware. Mr. Garcia stated they could make a complaint online with the division of dentistry. Mrs. Behre stated we will give a call just to follow up with the establishment.

Mrs. Zubok questioned the 193-21C complaint location, which was at the high school and Mrs. Woodward explained the teacher was concerned and guidelines were not being followed. Mrs. Pinto reached out the school nurse and superintendent in regards to mask use. Mrs. Behre said we normally send out remind staff in regards to the recommendation. We relay material to school nurses and superintendents and then they filter out information to the employees.

Mr. Garcia questioned if we have been granted any funding for improvements for HVAC, etc. from the state. Have any local towns done this successfully? Mrs. Behre said we would have to discuss with the superintendent.

Mrs. Peet questioned the Communicable Disease Report. There was one listed for Campylobacter; Mrs. Behre would follow up with Mrs. Pinto.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The November and December 2021 Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Updates: We spoke about updating the website with the 2021 meeting minutes.

Midland Park Wellness Council: On hold due to COVID-19.

License Fees: On hold

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Received: Mrs. Zubok received an email from resident and discussed with Mrs. Behre to follow-up.

Open Board of Health seat: Still open, we are advertising.

Rabies Clinic: May 9th, 6:30-8:00pm. Vaccines have been ordered. Prefer keeping it as a drive up like last year. Pre-registering was more difficult in the past; forms not filled out correct, etc. Could possibly have pens donated and handed out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:25pm by Mrs. Zubok, seconded by Mrs. Dziubinsky and unanimously agreed to by all present. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, March 14th, at 7:30 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant