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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY

BOARD MEETING, June 16, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Mr. Howard Bader, President, read the Board's compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Howard Bader, Maria Xylas, Berton Greenberg, Dr. Etta Frankel, Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Michael Basista, Ruby Parra, Registered Environmental Health Specialist and Sam Yanovich, Health Officer

Absent: Mark Alvarez, Council Liaison Paul Stefanowicz

Also present: Mayor Peter Rustin, Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi

It was announced that the Board's new Council Liaison Paul Stefanowicz was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a death in the family. Mayor Rustin has come to the meeting in his place.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 17, 2016. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

The Tenafly Senior Center in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC, will be hosting a Community Resource Fair on Thursday June 23, from 12:30pm- 3:00pm at the Tenafly Senior Center, 20 South Summit Street.

The community has a great opportunity to listen to an educational program on early heart attack care given by Dr. Sarah Timmapuri, Cardiologist HackensackUMC at 1:00pm. There will be assessments for blood pressure, fall risk, and nutrition. There also will be tables of information and representatives from Bergen County Senior Services, EZ Ride, CHORE, Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources and more.

Ms. Parra, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, gave a brief update on cigarette sales signage enforcement. The board wishes for the Borough to supply laminated signs to all businesses affected by this new ordinance. Mrs. Nicolosi will follow up on this and work with Ms. Parra with the appropriate wording.

## REPORTS

Mr. Yanovich reviewed his report with the board. There was a live stream from Rutgers offered electronically on the Zika virus last week which he participated in. A widespread outbreak is not expected in New Jersey. Seventy-five percent (75%) of people who acquire the virus will not have any symptoms. This does not mean that they cannot transmit the virus. Men and women who have traveled to Zika-infected areas should wait eight (8) weeks before attempting conception. Mosquito control commissions throughout the state have detailed GPS location of every larva habitat in each municipality in the county. They utilize an integrated pest management control program to minimize the use of pesticides. This includes water & stream management, larvacide use in standing water, which is safer and more economical than spraying, and spraying when necessary.

Public education is imperative in raising awareness concerning the removal of any standing water that provides a habitat for mosquito larva propagation. Larval breeding sites on private property that the public can help eliminate include: old tires, flower pots, buckets, rainwater drainage systems and especially perforated gutter extension tubes. Mrs. Nicolosi noted that there are brochures throughout the borough and information is posted on the website regarding mosquitoes.

Proposed regulations to lower blood lead action level to 5 micrograms/dl are expected to reach the State legislature within a few weeks. This is lead in paint. Currently the action level is 15 mcg/dl, at which point local health departments are required to initiate environmental investigations. The passing of such legislation would potentially impact local boards of health with a financial burden of \$900/child for follow-up in addition to increased staffing needs.

The Suez Water utility has provided information concerning water testing in schools which follows protocols from the EPA and NJDEP. There was a brief discussion regarding the testing done by Tenaflly Public Schools and the Borough. It was suggested that a letter be sent to private schools/nursery schools/day care centers in the Borough from the Board of Health suggesting that water in each establishment be tested. Mr. Yanovich, Mrs. Nicolosi and Ms. Parra will work on this project.

Ms. Parra, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, reviewed her report which covers April-June. Many inspections and spot checks were done at various food establishments in the Borough with Satisfactory or Conditional Approvals. Ms. Parra explained that two (2) summons have been issued to Tenaflly Gourmet Farms due to problems with the refrigeration unit in the dairy department.

Mayor Rustin noted that the pool at the Tenaflly Swim Club has been drained. The county was involved with this decision. Ms. Parra also did pre-operational pool inspections at the JCC, Tenakill Swim Club and The Plaza at Tenaflly. There was one (1) dog bite case. She received

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complaints over the course of several months regarding pool water quality, second hand smoking, mice droppings at a rental residence, stagnant water in tires (summons issued), poison ivy in a commercial parking lot (summons issued) and dogs running at large (summons issued).

Ms. Parra did an inspection of a family child care for five (5) minors at a residential home, which is a permitted use in the Borough. She inspected a pool on the property which had a cover and was closed. The property owner provided a letter indicating that the pool will be closed until further notice. Ms. Parra also directed the property owner to obtain a permit from the Building Department because there were chickens in the backyard. The board would like Ms. Parra to return to the residence to check to see that the pool is indeed empty as any stagnant, standing water may produce a larval breeding site for mosquitoes.

Mrs. Nicolosi noted that the current Deputy Registrar Lindsay Graham has resigned from this post effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Christine Attanasio will be appointed Deputy Registrar at an upcoming Mayor & Council meeting. The board was reminded that she had covered for Mrs. Nicolosi while she was on medical leave.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Xylas led a discussion regarding the Borough's providing of shingles and pneumonia vaccines to seniors. The Board is very pleased with the vaccine program provided by HARP; however, it wishes to add to the offerings to seniors. Mr. Yanovich will reach out to Ms. Wendolowski at HARP to see if they are able to provide the additional vaccines discussed at its yet to be scheduled flu clinic for the Borough.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi  
Board of Health Secretary