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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, September 15, 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. Michael Basista, Ruby Parra, Registered Environmental Health Specialist and Sam Yanovich, Health Officer

Absent: Dr. Daniel Feit, Mark Alvarez

Also present: Council Liaison Paul Stefanowitz, Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi

Mr. Paul Stefanowicz was sworn in as the Board's liaison from Council. He was welcomed by all.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The American Red Cross is conducting a Home Fire Campaign by installing free smoke alarms for Borough residents upon request. A flyer has been posted on the website and distributed throughout Borough Hall with information about this program.

The Borough's Annual Flu Clinic will be held on Friday, September 30th, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the McCandless Room. Notices were posted throughout the Borough; flyers were distributed to the Senior Center and Library. Flyers are available at the Reception Desk and Information Center in the Lobby at Borough Hall as well. A notice was posted on the website and the event information was also posted on the electronic message board located on Tenafly/Riveredge Roads. HARP submitted the press release to the local newspaper. The make-up dates are Friday, October 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Tenafly Health Department Office and October 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Tenafly Senior Center.

REPORTS

Mr. Yanovich reviewed his report with the board. Blood collection centers were recently given a three (3) month deadline by the FDA to begin screening all donated blood for Zika Virus. There was a conference call on September 12th with updated information from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). The NJDOH is planning to distribute Zika Prevention Kits for

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pregnant women in order to target at-risk pregnant women through distribution at WIC clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Local health departments and other partners will assist with outreach and education. The kits will include repellent, insect netting and condoms. As of September 6th, there were one hundred twenty-two (122) Zika cases in the state. All cases were travel related.

He noted for the board that the American Academy of Pediatrics has concluded that FluMist has not provided much protective benefit in the past few years, while in comparison, injected flu vaccines have protected about 2/3 of children aged 2-17 last flu season. Most children will need a single shot, but children new to flu vaccinations will need two (2) doses, four (4) weeks apart. Last year, eighty five (85) children died from flu in the United States and most of them had not been vaccinated.

Mrs. Nicolosi noted that the Borough has purchased high dose flu vaccines for Tenaflly seniors through Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission. There was some discussion regarding having the pneumonia vaccine available at the Borough's program; however, it was decided that this was best left to individuals to seek out their own private physicians or go to a pharmacy.

A collaboration of six (6) local hospitals is conducting the 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for Bergen County under the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). There will be a meeting on October 5th among community partners to discuss the results of the community health surveys, health priorities and other strategies for the plan to improve health in the county.

Information concerning local Boards of Health (Board of Health Registry) will be required beginning in January 2017 as part of the annual Local Health report that is submitted to the State.

The State health department is no longer conducting routine avian testing. West Nile Virus is now considered endemic in New Jersey; and therefore testing of birds as an indicator of the virus in an area is not necessary. It is also theorized that some birds have adapted to the virus and may not always become clinically ill so their usefulness as a predictor of the presence of the virus is minimal.

Ms. Parra, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, reviewed her report which covers June thru September 14, 2016. Many inspections and spot checks were done at various food establishments in the Borough with Satisfactory or Conditional Approvals. All Borough Youth Day camps were inspected and given a Satisfactory Approval. She did pre-operational pool inspections at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades and the Knickerbocker Country Club. Both received Satisfactory Approvals. There was one (1) dog bite case and one (1) cat scratch reported. The cat was licensed but the dog was not. The owner subsequently got the required dog license. The confinement process for each animal was conducted on time.

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Complaints included property in an unsanitary condition, mosquito breeding, stagnant water in tires and on garbage containers, poison ivy presence, aluminum foil particles in a milk shake, rats in a backyard and around the Borough Hall building, chickens in a backyard, apartment ventilation system issues, and mice in a restaurant (unfounded). All complaints were handled; a summons was issued in some cases.

A fatal accident occurred on August 2, 2016, at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in the outdoor pool. Ms. Parra submitted the required fatal accident report to the New Jersey State Bathing & Recreational Department on August 11, 2016.

She followed up on an inspection at a family child care facility located on Knickerbocker Road in order to confirm whether stagnant water was present inside a pool which had been covered and closed. The inspection indicated that there was no stagnant water present.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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