

**Public Health Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes
March 21, 2011**

The meeting of the Radnor Township Public Health Subcommittee was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm in the Radnorshire Room in the Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present:

John Fisher
Donald Curley

Absent:

John Nagle

Also present:

Herb Hazan, Chair, Board of Health
Members: Dr. Len Donato, Dr. Lauren Offett, Board of Health
Matt Baumann, Director, Community Development
Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager

The meeting was called to order.

Amendment to Chapter 115, Animals

Herb Hazan: The DELCO SPCA will not receive animals beginning June 30, 2011, requiring an overall strategy of education, short-term housing, and a long-term solution. Ordinance amendment will help promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of cats and resident

Dr. Len Donato: Numerous health risks associated with cat feces of at-large cats such as miscarriage in pregnant women, blindness in children, rabies and parasitic diseases due to their relationship to humans vs. other wild animals that seldom come in contact with humans. Cats are the second largest species with Rabies infections (potentially fatal in humans). There have been approximately 56 cases with some cases being under reported. Currently, infected animals require a minimum 10 day quarantine period in a veterinary clinic and euthanization if infected.

Commissioner Curley asked if this ordinance would be out of the ordinary and Dr. Donato explained that neighboring municipalities have similar legislation including Haverford Township

Public Comment

Chip Layfield: In favor of this legislation

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Laura Martini, Eachus Avenue: Spoke of significant issues she experienced due to a large feral cat colony being fed by a neighbor (cat feces in garden, smell of urine and her dog's parasitic disease).

Cathy Siciliano, Eachus Avenue: Questioned how this would help and is there really a health and safety issue. (Refer to Dr. Donato's previous comments)

Joe Siciliano, Eachus Avenue: He has cared for five (5) feral cats and spayed, neutered and immunized the cats. They are well cared for. He recognized that the ordinance could be good, but hoped that the feral cats could be fed and roam at large

Commissioner Curly moved to place Chapter 115 Ordinance Amendment on the BOC Agenda. Commissioner Fisher seconded. Motion carried 2-0