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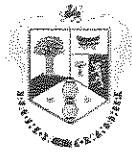
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**Radnor Township Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2016**

Present: Ms. Linda Schanne, Dr. Andrew Forman, Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick, Dr. Amy Leader, Dr. Nancy Hopko, Dr. Joan Capuzzi, Dr. Khanna  
Radnor Township Health Officer: Mr. Larry Taltoan  
Radnor Township Student: Emilija Sagaityte & Neal Chan  
Absent: Ms. Mary Ann McCarthy (BOH) and Mr. John Nagle (BOC Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Review and approval of January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting minutes
- II. Health Officer's Report (for January 2016)
  - a. Free dental care for children in Delaware Township in March. See [www.radnor.com](http://www.radnor.com) for more information.
  - b. Assistant Health Officer position is posted on the Radnor Township website
- III. Old Business
  - a. Update on Teen Health Week 2016—delayed discussion until March when Ms. McCarthy can speak about the events.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Presentation on artificial turf by Josh Clark (MPH student at Thomas Jefferson)
    - i. Athletic fields are increasingly being switched from grass to turf
    - ii. Krum rubber is used in artificial turf. The turf contains hazardous materials in the rubber and the paint
    - iii. These hazardous substances can be absorbed through the skin, breathed in, or ingested. The chemicals are more dangerous to young children. Additionally, there is lead in the bio fluids.
    - iv. The Synthetic Turf Council has reduced the use of lead in turf fields since 2008
    - v. Facilities with indoor turf fields need to be properly ventilated. People should wash their hands after having contact with the fields
    - vi. The fields are currently a minimal threat to human health, however, the maintenance of the fields should be considered and will be discussed with the EAC
  - b. Health epidemic with opioid overuse
    - i. Serious public health epidemic; opioid use often leads to abuse of other illegal substances. Governor Wolf signed Act 139 into law that permits emergency personnel to administer Narcan to those who

have overdosed. Protects the emergency personnel through a Good Samaritan law.

c. Zika virus

- i. It is transmitted by mosquitos that bite in the day time, so it is difficult to control. Wearing long sleeves and long pants may prevent mosquito bites.
- ii. Symptoms include a fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. Currently, no treatment exists.
- iii. For pregnant women, it can affect the fetus and result in a small brain (anencephaly)
- iv. Cases are beginning to appear in the US.

d. Flu Season

- i. Cases of the flu are winding down, as flu season begins to end.
- ii. 106 reported flu cases; Tamiflu can help shorten the flu

e. Male Dogs in Radnor Dog Parks

- i. There is concern about having unneutered male dogs in the leash-free dog park in Radnor
- ii. Unneutered dogs react more rapidly; castration decreases aggression in dogs. Dogs should be neutered at 6 months.
- iii. Most dog parks in surrounding municipalities have a policy against unneutered dogs in the parks. Seems to be a self-enforced policy.

V. Announcements:

- a. Health and Human Values Seminar Series at Villanova is open to the public. March 10<sup>th</sup> there is a lecture on vaccination.

VI. Public Participation: None

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

**The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 21st, 2016 at 5:30pm and will be held in the Radnorshire Room on the main level of the Radnor Township Building.**