

Radnor Township Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2017

Board of Health Members Present: Dr. Andrew Forman, Ms. Linda Schanne, Dr. Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Dr. Joan Capuzzi, Mr. Paul Crotty.

Radnor Township Health Inspector: Marie Carbonara
Assistant Health Inspector: Kathryn Carlomagno
Student Interns: Emily Chen, Julia Shi

Absent: Ms. Kathy Durr, Dr. Amit Khanna, Mr. Matthew McCaffery, Mr. Larry Taltoan,

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Review and approval of October 16th, 2017 meeting minutes
- II. Health Officer's Report
 - a. Radnor staff attended a 2-day conference for the Local Health Department Retail Food Safety Training provided by the PA Department of Agriculture..
 - b. A food sanitation specialist from the PA Department of Agriculture has provided food safety inspection training to our new health inspectors here at Radnor Township.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Proposed Chicken Ownership guidelines: Our recommendations and a letter were sent to the commissioners and they responded that it will be added to their agenda. Thank you to Dr. Capuzzi for her efforts on this item.
 - b. Teen sleep: Superintendent Batchelor has circulated a survey for parents on the issue of teen sleep and school start times; the link could be added to the Radnor Township website.
 - c. Opiates presentation: Ms. Schanne and Officer Block presented the program that we heard at the Valley Forge Military Academy to a national audience of military school faculty.
 - d. Medical marijuana: Bryn Mawr Hospital recently presented a program on medical marijuana featuring a speaker from Thomas Jefferson University, considering risks, advantages, clinical practice, and the state of the science. This is an issue that we hope to address further early in 2018.
 - e. Glyphosate: Dr. Forman followed on discussion several years ago. A recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* indicates that older adults are absorbing and excreting Glyphosate in urine, but health consequences are not yet identified. He noted that Radnor Township moved to the use of more natural herbicides as a result of the Board's exploration of this topic several years prior.

- f. **Speed Reduction – South Bryn Mawr Avenue:** Dr. Forman asked Mr. Crotty for an update on speed reductions on South Bryn Mawr Avenue. Mr. Crotty indicated that it is difficult to ascertain a correlation between speed and accidents. In any event, working through one’s commissioner seems to be the best way to engage PENN-DOT on issues of concern.

IV. New Business

- a. Dr. Forman invited presentations of approximately 5 minutes in length for our December and January meetings. Please submit ideas to him.
- b. **New student interns:** Two new student interns were introduced after selection from seven applicants. Ms. Emily Chen is a senior student at Radnor High School and she anticipates a college major in Global Health. Ms. Julia Shi is a junior student at Radnor High School and she anticipates a career in medicine. Our student interns will provide leadership in public health messaging that targets their high school age peers. We particularly welcome their development of social media messages for Teen Health Week, March 18-24, 2018. We welcome their input, and we look forward to their presentation of their directed work on a project of interest in the late spring. In addition we invite them to seek opportunities to learn more about what members of the Board of Health do in our work and as board members.
- c. **Crumb Rubber Turf Field Update:** Dr. Sharts-Hopko presented an update since prior deliberation in February 2016. It was anticipated that an EPA – CDC study would be completed by now, however no further information is forthcoming. No health effects have been documented of dermal, GI, or respiratory contact with decomposing crumb rubber turf. Recommendations continue to emphasize hand washing and avoidance of hand-mouth contact among children. Moreover, artificial turf retains more heat so athletes need to hydrate and rest in shade. The slides will be shared on the Radnor Township website.

V. Announcements

- a. Dr. Forman will invite Dr. Offutt to speak with the Board about Teen Health Week.
- b. December is International AIDS Alliance Month, and World AIDS Day is December 1.
- c. The first week in December is National Influenza Vaccine Week, and we anticipate a rough season as Australia has reported such. Please seek vaccination.

VI. Public Participation-None

Adjournment at 6:12 pm, please join next Board of Health meeting:

Monday December 18, 2017 at 5:30 pm.