

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Oak Park Board of Health
Tuesday November 24, 2015 - 7 PM
Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Chair Florence Miller; Commissioners Jassen Strokosch, Edward Pont, Edgar Vesga, Jonathan Mizgala

Also Present: Mike Charley, Interim Health Director; Lisa Shelley, Deputy Village Manager; Joanne Despotes, Communicable Disease Nurse

Excused: Commissioner: Bob Danstrom, Joel Lowrie

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved; First by Commissioner Vesga, second by Commissioner Pont
- III. Approval of the Minutes of October, 27 2015: Minutes updated under “New Business” Mike Charley named Interim Health Director and under V (B) “Oak Park Mental Health Board” should be “Thrive”. Revised minutes approved; First by Commissioner Vesga, second by Commissioner Pont
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. New Business:
 - a. Review of Communicable Disease Trends in Oak Park – Joanne Despotes, Village of Oak Park Communicable Disease Nurse provided an overview of the Village Health Department’s Communicable Disease Program. Despotes presented specific information on how she manages incoming cases of sexually transmitted disease and other reportable communicable diseases of Oak Park residents and cases diagnosed by Oak Park physicians. Despotes answered questions on how she interacts with local physicians and the Oak Park school districts’ nursing staff.
 - b. Day in Our Village Activities – Chair Miller communicated that she attended the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting where she saw a presentation on health fairs. As a result of this presentation she wanted to discuss what types of healthy activities could the Board of Health do at the Day in Our Village? Ideas included:

- i. Healthy games such as hula hoop contests.
- ii. Possibly having “Health Ambassadors” that would walk around the event interacting with visitors handing out information on public health.
- iii. Food Vendor “Healthy Item Contest” – encourage vendors to sell at least one food item that was healthy.
- iv. Commissioners Pont, Vesga and Strokosch nominated themselves to manage the responsibility of Day in Our Village moving forward.

VI. Old Business

- a. 2015 Work Plan Updates by Commissioners – Work Plan updated with responsible members for each activity. Miller asked if we could fill the high school liaison member. Vesga requested that the Police Department provide bike helmet statistics. Invite them to the January or February meeting to present the bike helmet statistics. They are tracking how often they find kids without helmets, how many bike helmets they have distributed. Vesga asked about participation at the Farmers’ Market. Charley communicated that the the Board of Health can request a date to participate in April of 2016 and the Farmers’ Market should be able to accommodate a date in 2016 Share the Farmers’ Market FAQ’s. Miller communicated that she had previously spoke to Nina Allen, Executive Director at THRIVE regarding suicide and mental health. Miller recommended that Nina Allen be invited to present to the Board of Health.
- b. December Meeting – Commissioner Vesga motioned to cancel the December BOH meeting, seconded by Strokosch. Motion passed

VII. Adjourn at 8:17 pm: First by Vesga, second by Strokosch

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 26, 2016