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Oak Park Board of Health Tuesday, November 22, 2016- 6:00 PM Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Chair Florence Miller; Commissioners: Noel Chavez, Edgar Vesga, Jonathan Mizgala, Adrienne Rogers; Staff Liaison: Mike Charley, Interim Health Director

Excused: Commissioner: Bob Danstrom, Dhana Ganesan

Guests: Tina Sykes, Illinois Benedictine University Student & Peggy McGrath, Oak Park Resident

- I. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda, agenda approved, first by Vesga, second by Mizgala
- III. Approval of the Minutes of October 25, 2016, minutes approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- IV. Public Comment: Peggy McGrath communicated that she is a life-long Oak Park resident, has a BSN in Nursing, is a board member of the Midwest Pesticide Action Center, she organized the “Go Green Oak Park” group. Peggy communicated that there is a growing movement across the United States to adopt policies at the local level to reduce or prohibit pesticide use on private and public property. Peggy stated that there are numerous confirmed studies that have linked pesticides to a wide range of health conditions. Peggy handed out literature supporting her comments. Peggy stated that Go Green Oak Park has submitted a petition to the Village Board requesting they draft a resolution to the State legislature asking the State legislature to repeal the law that prohibits home rule on pesticide use in Oak Park. Peggy asked that the BOH support this resolution. In addition, Peggy asked the BOH to provide support the Village to develop a pesticide fact sheet that is similar to the current Waste/Recycling fact sheet that does out with the Oak Park FYI annually. Peggy stated that Go Green Oak Park can provide collaboration for this fact sheet.

Miller stated that she has spoken to the Energy and Environment Commission regarding Peggy's concerns in the past. Miller stated that the BOH would consult with the Energy and Environment Commission on this issue further moving forward to review this issue. Peggy stated that she has worked with Nick Bridge, Chair of EEC for the last three years on this issue. If nothing else Peggy communicated that she would like the BOH research her concerns and provide feedback on this issue. Miller requested that Peggy forward any documents to Miller electronically for future review.

- V. Commissioner Updates
 - A. Bike Helmet Update: Miller communicated that Danstrom and her are meeting with Sergeant Jacobson and the school resource officers on December 2 to discuss bike helmet education. Chavez asked if BOH had reached out to Active Transportation Alliance. Miller responded that after she meets with the Police she will then contact potential stakeholders/ collaborators including Green Line Wheels and the Active Transportation Alliance.

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- B. Workgroup for Positive Youth Development: Miller met with Vickie Scaman today. Miller stated that alcohol use studies (IL Behavior Youth Survey) show that alcohol use is high in Oak Park. The Township received grant monies to tackle this issue. To-date stakeholders have reviewed data and will be hosting focus groups. A focus group hosted by the BOH consisting of parents is tentatively scheduled for next April 2017. The focus group will be facilitated by Vickie Scaman and the Township. The focus group will focus on parent involvement with alcohol use for 8th through 12th graders.
- VI. Old Business
- A. 2017 Work plan: The work plan was reviewed and Miller asked BOH members absent from last month's meeting to review the plan and provide for items they would be willing to take the lead on. Work items were then assigned.
- VII. New Business
- A. 2016 Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Vesga to cancel the December 27, 2016 BOH meeting. It was seconded by Rogers. The BOH voted to cancel the meeting.
 - B. Mike Charley, Interim Health Director updates:
 - 1. Charley communicated that back on October 29 Joe Harrington, IDPH Regional Health Director and Mike spoke to person at the Oak Park Library on Social Determinants of Health, specifically Place Matters. Charley communicated that he presented information on the Village's Envision Plan and how it contains language promoting public health in Oak Park.
 - 2. Charley provided that he attended a Cook County Health Department Community Health Advisory meeting on October 3. Two topics that were discussed at that meeting included gun violence and Zika. In summary Gun violence has become a public health disaster. Gun violence is straining hospital ERs and causing significant mental health issues for victims and there families.
- VIII. Adjourn @ 8:18 pm, first by Chavez, second by Rogers

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