

MINUTES
Oak Park Board of Health
Tuesday, September 24, 2019- 7:00 PM
Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Jennifer Fritz, Noel Chavez, Timothy Halt, Ryan Patrick, Natalie Serratos; Village staff: Mike Charley, Public Health Director

Guest: John Wielebnicki, Public Works Director, Wynne Lacey (Possible BOH member)

- I. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved, first by Fritz, second by Chavez
- III. Approval of the Minutes of August 27, 2019: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Fritz
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. New Business
 - A. Amended 2019 BOH Work Plan: Creation of an education program regarding lead in the water: Charley introduced John Wielebnicki, Director of the Public Works Department and introduced that the Village Board referred this item back to the Board of Health by amending the Board of Health Work Plan. Wielebnicki provided background on the Village's water service program including the Village's source of water, water treatment, Village reservoirs, disinfection of the water, water mains and the distribution of water to individual properties. There are over 13,000 water service connections in Oak Park. The water is generally not corrosive to any lead pipes. Lead service pipes are primarily in the water service lines between the water main and the home. Public Works does replace lead services to the home and has inventoried lead service lines. It is estimated that there would need to be a 75-100 million dollar cost to replace all lead service lines. The Public Works Department has sampled for lead since 1991 every three years and the EPA requirement for lead has always been met. Prior to the meeting Wielebnicki shared with the BOH several Village/Public Works documents via email. Wielebnicki provided background information on all the documents.
 - Oak Park's Drinking Water: Answers to frequently asked questions
 - Annual Water Quality Report
 - Department of Public Works Standard Operating Procedures
 - Agenda Item Commentary from 07/08/2019 that provides information on the Village's Pilot program to provide point of use water filter pitchers and extra filter cartridges to properties where partial lead water service line replacement.

Patrick asked if residents were interested in knowing whether their service lines lead, who would they contact? Wielebnicki communicated that Public Works has records on individual properties and residents can call Public Works with inquiries. Wielebnicki

communicated that property owners can test themselves and that Public Works has a list of labs that they share with property owners. Miller asked whether Communications can ensure information is regularly sent out to residents. Fritz communicated that Trustee Buchanan has offered to participate in an educational campaign.

Miller inquired whether a public service video can be created. Chavez inquired whether any health education can be placed within water bills. Wielebnicki communicated that water bills have been used to communicate information regarding water safety/testing in the past.

Chavez asked if lead water testing was ever completed after water main projects were completed? Wielebnicki communicated "no". Fritz communicated that one resident had approached her regarding concerns of not having sufficient information regarding drinking water/bathing after and during the completion of a project on her block.

Next steps? Chavez recommended researching what has been done elsewhere? A Cochrane review; a brief literature review. Best practices. Fritz recommended reaching out to Trustee Susan Buchanan since she has prior experience with drinking water & lead. Serratos recommended a short PSA. Fritz recommended continued education throughout the project, not only at the beginning of a project to keep property owners/residences updated. Halt wondered if placing something in the Village's "New Resident Packet" may help communicate to residents. Fritz asked about a public forum for residents. If a forum was held, Miller communicated that an agenda and panel presenters must be discussed. Miller communicated that Public Works must be an integral player in the forum.

VI. Old Business

- A. Work Plan Review and Approval: Work Plan Approved Unanimously. First by Patrick, second by Fritz
- B. State Marijuana Legislation review: Patrick communicated that the BOH can provide recommendations, draft a fact sheet, etc. Chavez communicated that the BOH can clarify the difference between medical and recreational use. Charley provided a little background on some of the things discussed at Village Hall recently including workplace use, how the Police Department is preparing for January 1 and how the Health Department has reached out to District 97 & 200 to start discussions on how to educate students & parents on vaping. The October 2 Marijuana forum that is being facilitated by the Oak Park Township was discussed briefly.

VII. Adjourn @ 8:10 pm, first by Chavez, second by Patrick

Next meeting October 22, 2019