

WHEELING BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING

March 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairperson Birnbaum.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ball, Birnbaum, Freed and Melone were present. Health Officer, Serena Ivaldi was also present.

III. MINUTES – November 23, 2021

Commissioner Freed moved, seconded by Commissioner Melone to approve the minutes dated November 23, 2021, as presented. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

V. CITIZENS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS - None

VI. ONGOING BUSINESS

(a) Blood Drives -

- i. Blood Drive was on March 2, 2022 - 14 units of blood.

Health Officer Ivaldi announced the March 2nd blood drive was very slow and collected only 14 units. She thought the reason for the dip in collection could have been because they were no longer checking antibodies and there was a problem with scheduling online. The previous blood drive was canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

(b) Prescription Medication Collection update – March 19, 2022

Commissioner Freed announced the collection was slower than usual. Two large sharp containers were filled and 1.5 of the medication containers. There are no small containers with tops left and there are only 40 of the large containers which will not be enough. Commissioner Freed mentioned the large containers went quicker than the small ones.

Commissioner Ball is working the April 16th collection.

Health Officer Ivaldi will order containers before the next collection.

(c) Wheeling Park District Events

Chairperson Birnbaum mentioned the large Easter egg hunt at Wheeling High School on April 16th. Health Officer Ivaldi questioned if the April collection should be canceled since it's on the same day. Commissioner Freed felt most people dropping off containers were older and would not be participating in an Easter egg hunt.

Chairperson Birnbaum announced Wheeling Park District's Easter brunch and egg hunt is on April 17th at Chevy Chase Country Club. Earth Day is April 24th.

(d) Survey Monkey updated on BOH webpage

Health Officer Ivaldi confirmed no one responded to the survey. She will remove it.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Health Officer Ivaldi emailed the Greater Elgin Community College regarding child vaccines and is waiting for a response.

Commissioner Melone referred to the Village's recent survey and felt it was pretty thorough. She suggested having a farmer's market in the Village. Health Officer Ivaldi explained it would require inspections, permitting and etc. The Village tried one about six years ago and all the vendors were already scheduled so there was no one available, so they closed it immediately. She explained the ordinance would need to change since it currently does not allow for homemade goods to be sold.

Chairperson Birnbaum asked if Health Officer Ivaldi could address the Covid situation. Health Officer Ivaldi confirmed there is no mitigation.

Commissioner Ball asked about the new variant, ba2. Health Officer Ivaldi read that ba2 was more contagious than Omicron, but less severe. Another new variant is Deltacron.

Commissioner Melone asked if there were stats for cases in Wheeling. The County and State's websites list the stats by village and county. Wheeling was .7% last time Health Officer Ivaldi had checked.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Birnbaum announced she will be moving out of state in June so May will be her last meeting.

Health Officer Ivaldi asked the Commission to check with family and friends to see if anyone would be interested in serving on the Board of Health. They do not need to live in Wheeling. The Village will also post in the local papers.

Commissioner Melone will work the medication collection on June 18th in place of Chairperson Birnbaum.

Commissioner Freed asked if the Park District would be holding a health fair this year. Chairperson Birnbaum was unsure, but didn't see it on the schedule. She will check with the Park District.

Chairperson Birnbaum announced Wheeling Walks started in May 2016. There are a group of loyal participants, so she hopes they keep it going.

Chairperson Birnbaum told a story about an elderly Wheeling walker, who was befriended by the group but had not been seen for a while so the group was concerned. Health Officer Ivaldi will give his name to the social worker so he can participate in Wheeling's Meal and Wheels program. Chairperson Birnbaum expressed her concern and asked for an update.

IX. VERBAL COMMUNICATION

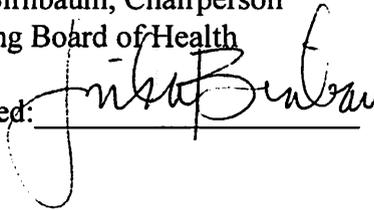
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was entered at 6:54 p.m. by Commissioner Melone. Commissioner Freed seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval by the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Birnbaum, Chairperson
Wheeling Board of Health

Approved:  Date: 5-24-2022