

WHEELING BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING

May 24, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 – March 22, 2022

Commissioner Ball moved, seconded by Commissioner Melone to approve the minutes dated March 22, 2022, 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) Next Blood Drive is July 6, 2022

Health Officer Ivaldi announced July 6<sup>th</sup> as the next blood drive date from 1:00-7:00p.

(b) Prescription Medication Collection update – May 21, 2022

Health Officer Ivaldi announced the small containers without covers should be recycled. The company will not send covers.

Commissioner Freed mentioned someone brought in 5 unopened boxes of needle tips. He was not in favor of throwing away any unopened medication or related items, but understood it was a liability for anyone since the type of storage was unknown. Health Officer Ivaldi has not been able to find anyone that would take unopened items.

Commissioner Freed mentioned that glucose strips could be sold on eBay.

Commissioner Melone will be working the June collection and Commissioner Freed will work in July.

(c) Wheeling Park District Events

Chairperson Birnbaum is still walking with the group of regular walkers on Saturday. She hopes it continues.

Commissioner Freed asked if the Park District was holding their health fair this year. Chairperson Birnbaum will contact the Park District.

Chairperson Birnbaum mentioned there were several people that came every Saturday so she thinks they will keep walking. The walkers walk on the track inside the CRC during inclement weather.

Commissioner Ball suggested asking one of the regular walkers to join the Board of Health.

Wheeling Walks was originally sponsored by the Board of Health, Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Park District.

Chairperson Birnbaum explained the Park District would welcome any support or help for the program. Health Officer Ivaldi suggested having one of the walkers be a spokesperson/bridge for the program by providing updates.

Chairperson Birnbaum asked about Vern who she mentioned at the last meeting who was a regular walker and had recently been ill. Health Officer Ivaldi confirmed he was in good hands and getting the care he needed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Linda Birnbaum Resignation

Health Officer Ivaldi thanked Chairperson Birnbaum for being part of the Board of Health and for all of her help throughout the years. A certificate of appreciation was presented.

(b) Children's fall vaccine clinic

Health Officer Ivaldi reached out to a contact Chairperson Birnbaum provided, but they never responded. On Facebook, Health Officer Ivaldi found that the Cook County Health Department was doing a vaccine clinic with Rincon. She'll reach out to Rincon to see if they would be interested in coming to Wheeling for a vaccine clinic.

Commissioner Melone announced District 62 was having a clinic at one of the schools. She'll contact them to find out who was hosting it.

(c) Flu vaccine clinic

Health Officer Ivaldi announced she was planning to have the flu vaccine clinic again this year. She is trying to find someone who would do it for less than \$40 from Jewel Osco. Commissioner Melone mentioned the drive-up clinic on Milwaukee Avenue across from Starbucks. Commissioner Freed suggested Walgreens. Chairperson Birnbaum suggested contacting Northwest Community Hospital. Health Officer Ivaldi will continue searching.

Commissioner Melone thought the schools must have contacts of where to go for vaccines for those students who are unable to pay. Health Officer Ivaldi will contact the School District.

IX. VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Freed referred to the Des Plaines River Trail and suggested putting together an annual family bike ride. He thought a lot of people would participate. He suggested offering a water station along the trail.

Commissioner Melone would want all the bikers to wear helmets.

Commissioner Freed suggested offering t-shirts during signup.

Chairperson Birnbaum suggested having the Police do a bike check at the event. Commissioner Freed also suggested *having a local bike store* do the bike check.

Health Officer Ivaldi suggesting having an online signup.

Commissioner Freed suggested contacting other villages for planning information/ideas. Health Officer Ivaldi explained the Board of Health would need to be present to help out.

Health Officer Ivaldi will ask the Village for approval.

Chairperson Birnbaum mentioned Ivan at Rise and Dine who has been great about providing refreshments at different events within the Village. She thought someone from within the Village might be able to donate refreshments.

In response to Commissioner Freed's question, Health Officer Ivaldi confirmed there was a bike club in the Village of Wheeling. She'll get contact information for the club.

Health Officer Ivaldi suggested having it be an end of summer/back to school event.

Health Officer Ivaldi didn't think there needed to be an official registration since a fee wasn't be charged.

Commissioner Freed suggested having someone donate t-shirts for the event.

Commissioner Melone wants to continue promoting for the Board of Health position.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Birnbaum, Chairperson  
Wheeling Board of Health

Approved: Christine M. Melone Date: July 26, 2022