



Harrington Park Board of Health Minutes of Impromptu Meeting July 22, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 pm

Announcement:

Please take notice that in consideration of Executive Order no. 103 issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, which declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, and Executive Order no. 107 that restricts public gatherings and directs residents of New Jersey to stay at home, the meetings scheduled for May 4, 2020 and June 1, 2020 were cancelled. This impromptu meeting of the Harrington Park Board of Health is taking place via Zoom conference.

Roll Call: Dr. Howard Lipton

Mr. Scott Weiner

Mr. Robert Carbognin

Mr. John Szweda

Mr. Reynaldo Pella

Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein

Dr. Chester Lee

Also present:

Louis Apa, Sanitarian,

Annie Mongelia, Secretary,

Jeff Brockman, Councilman.

Gail Poling, Town Nurse, report sent to and read aloud by Secretary

Motion to Adopt Minutes from March 2, 2020 Board of Health Meeting:

Motion to adopt the Minutes for March 2, 2020 made by Dr. Howard Lipton, seconded by Mr. John Szweda, with all members present in favor to adopt.

Vouchers:

- Secretary's voucher emailed to Lou Apa for approval during Covid19.
- Gail Poling's voucher submitted to Lou Apa for approval and processing.

Correspondence:

- On April 1, BCDOH sent a report for March 2020 stating 5 cases of Covid 19 under investigation.
- On April 2 the NJDOH sent an immunization audit report for Village Early Childhood Center, formerly known as Norwood Preschool, located at OLV. The children in their care are between 6 weeks old to 5 years old. On Feb.25 there was a compliance rate of 98%; at re-audit on April 2 there was an improvement to 100% with one religious exemption.

- On March 19 NJDEP faxed a report regarding a spill of approximately two gallons of transformer oil at Downing Place. Incident was reported by Rockland Electric.
- On June 1, BCDOH sent a report for May 2020 stating 13 cases of Covid 19 under investigation.
- On May 8, Tiffany Sanders from Allegro Harrington Park sent an email offering hand sanitizer to the seniors in Harrington Park. They have a post on Facebook regarding options for delivery of the hand sanitizers. Her contact information is 201-739-1656. Tsanders@allegroliving.com
- Received a copy of the business certificate of continued occupancy for 90 LaRoche Avenue. A new restaurant will be opened in the name of "Cork and Crust" when "Let's Meat" vacates.
- On May 22 during a conference call with our local health officer, Hansel Asmar, inquired about obtaining a supply of antibody test for Covid19 by HP School and NVRHS.

Reports:

Gail Poling, Town Nurse

For the period of March thru May 2020:

- There were no Club 60 or health clinics during this time frame due to Covid19. They will resume in September.
- Most work has been done via the phone or home visits while wearing appropriate PPE.
- Set up 4 face time chats/visits with residents to be in contact with family or medical offices.
- Set up 6 appointments via tele-health, on senior citizens' computer, for health consults with their physicians whom needed to contact them.
- Made several deliveries to home-bound resident with their prescriptions or supplies from CVS/Shoprite Pharmacy.
- Five referrals made to food delivery services for residents needing food. Pollio farm/ Stoke Farm/Shoprite home delivery.
- Conducted approximately 40 wellness checks to residents over a 2 month period via phone-calls to answer concerns, general conversation, anxiety, and health questions.
- 2 calls made to AT&T/Verizon to help residents with payment plan set up.
- Most phone calls were from all age groups, besides geriatric population, such as college aged children returning home from school/quarantines & etc. Many middle agers are now squeezed in between attempting to juggle responsibilities for taking care of older parents while attempting to home school their children, and work from home.
- Call concerns ranged not only from pandemic related issues but overlap into mental health issues as residents are trying to cope in their own way. This is resulting in more EMS calls related to this, and less to actual physical needs. I keep telling people to "turn the tv off!" Call concerns have ranged from anxiety, depression, loss of community members due to Covid19 or other causes, loss of normal routine, and

leaning towards being overwhelmed. Some elderly have used the term “my family has me in lockdown” as they do not want them to leave the house, with this resulting in feelings of isolation and watching inaccurate information on tv. Families were referred to appropriate websites as received from HP’s Health Department and the Police Department to obtain better information. Activities to do as restrictions are being lessened, with nicer weather to help focus on more positive aspects and attitudes, will be noted during phone calls with the ability to go outdoors.

Louis Apa, Sanitarian

- On May 3, Mr. Arthur Zo of Arthur Zo Salon called regarding a note placed on the door of Hair Apparent located at La Roche Avenue. The note stated the salon will re-open on May 12, 2020. A date prior to Governor Murphy’s authorized re-opening date for hair salons. A call was made to inform Hair Apparent.
- On April 20, Borough Clerk Ann Bistriz reported a complaint from Mr. Vargas on Parkhill Road. The complaint regarded dogs owned by one of their neighbors. When speaking to the dogs owner, Mrs. Fregenti agreed to not leave the dogs outside all day.
- On May 11, spoke to Jeffrey Myers, of James Sankey & Associates Aquatic Facility & Designers, regarding pool plans for Allegro Senior Living.
- On May 1, Mrs. Uncyk on Martin Drive called to complain about cats at 59 Lincoln Terrace. Specifically food left out for stray cats. Spoke to Mr. Lee and told him to discontinue putting food out because it also draws wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and fox. Mr. Lee agreed. Also told him to acquire a cat license for all of his seven cats and to provide current rabies vaccination certificates for these cats. He has complied.
- On April 1, Ann McBride called regarding her 90 year old mother who resides at Brookside Village. Her mother has a caregiver, and she wanted to know if the caregiver can continue to visit to provide care and meals daily. Management was consulted and gave their approval provided the caregiver wears a mask and gloves when in the common hallway.
- On April 3, received an application from Lea Farrell for a chicken permit at 253 Parkside Road. An inspection was performed on the yard and chicken coop and a permit was granted for 2020.
- On April 3, attended a weekly Bergen County Health Department conference call. The call consisted of updates on the number of Covid19 cases, mortality in towns and nursing homes, and questions and answers from the county health officer. Mr. Hansel Asmar.
- April 29, received an email from Carolyn Visser on 574 Lafayette Road requesting permission to have a back lawn mass of christian burial on her property before going to the cemetery. Consulting Chief Maalouf, received a copy of Executive Order No.107 that stated there shall be no assembly or service in anyone’s yard. Called and spoke to Mrs. Visser regarding Governor Murphy’s order and she agreed.
- Inspected various summer camps: Summer Slam camp, a football camp, Village School, Camp Innovation, and Speed Soccer. According to guidance, mask were

worn, and bathrooms were inspected. At Summer Slam liability waivers were signed, temperature checks were taken, hand sanitizer was provided, and the players had to provide their own basketball and water bottle.

- There was a animal bite incident. Dog to dog, at Lee Avenue and Jay Street.
- On July 8, a pit-bull at Riverside Drive attacked another dog on Lynn Street. The dog was bitten on the neck. Neighbors have voiced their concern regarding the pit-bull.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Dr. Fried hosted a Zoom meeting with attendance by HPVAC, councilpersons, and BOH on July 13.

- Harrington Park School is looking for more direction from the department of education regarding protocols on what to do during specific situations. Such as, are siblings of a student tagged as exposed by contact tracers required to be quarantined.
- Dr. Fried surveyed HP families for input on re-opening.
- Sinks with motion sensor activation for hand washing stations in the hallways have been installed.
- Health screening plans are underway and await the state health department for guidance.
- A plan of action for Fall 2020 will be submitted on July 21 to the state.
- There are several plans for re-opening Harrington Park School:
 - A hybrid mix of on-site classes with students grouped in pods, for a certain part of the day, and a virtual learning component for the remainder of the school day. Grades 4 through 8.
 - Total virtual learning for families that opt for that route.
 - Traditional in school classes, for Pre-k through 3rd grade.
 - Elective enrichment programs for non-core classes.

Hansel Asmar hosted a teleconference on July 17.

- He stated his department is working with superintendents of schools to develop a public health document on re-opening schools.
- A 43 page, 1st draft, document was given to superintendent of schools to review. The document contains flow charts and check lists.
- The document will be amended with feedback from superintendents.
- Asmar stated the school day may be a staggered schedule or virtual learning, or a combination of both.
- County will help schools to acquire the items they need in order to re-open, such as hand sanitizers, and mask. Asmar stated schools were out of the loop for PPE but are now getting into the fold to obtain necessary items.

Bruce Marshall, HPEMT asked about notification for cell phones. Asmar will look into it and report at the next teleconference call.

Flu Clinic 2020:

Discussion regarding hosting an influenza vaccination (flu) clinic this fall. No plans have been made with CVS due to borough hall being closed to the public.

The board approved hosting our annual flu clinic. Logistics for social distancing are as follows:

- A tent will be set up in the parking lot with chairs spaced 6feet apart. In this area consent forms will be given out, for flu shot recipients to fill out. Mobile phone numbers will be taken so recipients can wait in their car.
- When called, the flu shot recipient will enter borough hall via the side door by the court room. Chairs will be spaced 6feet apart. The consent form will be reviewed, and their health insurance card will be photocopied.
- One at a time, the recipient will enter the small conference room to receive their vaccine, administered by CVS Closter.
- The recipient will exit borough hall via the front door.
- We will supply pens and surgical mask if the recipient does not bring their own.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Reynaldo Pella at 8:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Scott Weiner, with all members present via Zoom in favor of adjournment.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park, will be on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:30pm in borough hall. Most likely via Zoom, which will be announced to the public via the borough website.