

Radnor Township Board of Health Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019

Board of Health Members Present: Linda Schanne, Joan Capuzzi, Paul Cotty, Charles Wheeler, Jane Carabasi and Lisa Hamaker

Board of Health Members Absent: Kathryn Durr, Amit Khanna, David Simmons

BOH Liaison:

Radnor Township School District Liaison:

Radnor Township Health Officer: Marie Carbonara

Health Inspector:

Student Interns: Aanchalika Chauhan, Leah Monty

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. September Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. Health Officer Report:

As a follow-up to last month's Vaping presentation by Dr. Piatt, an episode of Health Matters on Vaping was filmed in which Dr. Piatt discussed the epidemic of Vaping in greater depth. It is posted on Radnor Township's YouTube.

In response to the Scabies outbreak in the Township, Scabies information and hand washing education have been posted on the Website.

Township Flu Clinic will be held on October 24th for employees and families (age 9 and older.)

Two successful events occurred recently including the St. Davids' Fair (received food licensing for the day) and The Great Pumpkin Harvest, sponsored by the Parks Dept.

Two restaurants received licensing: Pin Wei on County Line Rd. and a brand new café in the Radnor Financial Building.

Health Officer attended a local Board of Health Meeting at the Marple Municipal Building, which included an update on the Spotted Lantern Fly control issue.

III. Student Interns:

Radnor H.S. Juniors Aanchalika Chauhan and Leah Monty were introduced as the student interns for 2019-20. Jane Carabasi and Lisa Hamaker volunteered to mentor these students in planning and executing evidence-based project(s).

IV. Special Guest Speaker:

Philip Witmer, member and past president, fellow and life member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club and member of the National Audubon Society presented: *BIRDS: Now and in the Future*. Included in the discussion were:

Factors related to the 2.9 billion decrease in the bird population since 1970.

7 Simple Actions individuals should take to help birds.

The negligible amount of passive recreation parks and contiguous forest in the Township.

The Township mosquito spraying efforts have a deleterious effect on the bird population. Suggested preventive spraying on individual vs. spraying community and backyards.

Bird Town (pa.audubon.org/birds/bird-town) and its goals to encourage people to take certain steps to support the bird population.

He responded to comments and questions by the BOH members.

V. Old Business:

Vaping Update: Ms. Schanne reported that she and Dr. Mike Blanch addressed Radnor High School parents and administrators on Vaping followed by Q & A's.

VI. New Business.

VII. Announcements:

October is National Breast Cancer Month. Guidelines for mammograms were noted.

Flu Shots are available at local pharmacies, physician offices and at the next Delaware County Flu Clinic. The Flu shot is recommended for individuals 6 months of age and older.

VIII. Public Participation:

Township resident and member of the League of Women Voters, Roberta Winters:

Thanked the BOH for their support regarding the resolution on teen sleep.

Mentioned SR 417 (Commonwealth study on later school start time.)

Noted that Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health is conducting a study to evaluate the delivery of health and public health services in DELCO and provide recommendations on how to enhance and strengthen services. (See www.delcopa.gov/publicrelations/releases/2019/jhuhealthstudy)

Called for the BOH to support the formation of a DELCO BOH.

Adjournment at 6:28 PM.

Next Board of Health Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM