

Minutes of the Board of Health Special Meeting via Teleconferencing
Due to the State of Emergency
JULY 9, 2020

ROLL CALL: A special meeting of the Allendale Board of Health was held by Teleconferencing on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Nadine Benoit.

The following members were present: Heidi Askin, Maria Crean (absent), Robin Iversen, Chris Martin, Linda Morgan, Susan Toron, and Nadine Benoit. Also present was our Sanitarian, Kristin Caperino.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied through posting on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and the Borough website, and by publication in The Record with copies being sent to The Ridgewood News and Star Ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 4, 2020 minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Robin Iversen and seconded by Heidi Askin.

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Adult Health Clinic Closed Until Further Notice

Child Health Clinic Closed Until Further Notice

Vital Statistic 1 Marriage License, 0 Marriage Certificate, 0 Births, 0 Deaths

Receipts \$1052.00

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORTS

Kristin reported they have continued doing virtual inspections in June. All inspections are finished for the establishments that are open to the public. She also states that after the Borough Code Official approved the outdoor dining establishments, she checked to make sure everything was set up properly.

Beets Juice Bar passed all inspections and is open for business.

There was a pre-opening at Crestwood Lake and they are currently opened and also a pre-opening of the snack stand.

An animal fought with a dog. Rabies test came back negative. The homeowner was notified.

There was a complaint about Acme Supermarket, but it was unfounded.

The Whitney Pool decided to remain closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There will be no flu clinic this year. Ron Kistner, town administrator, will put an announcement on the Borough website in September to notify the residents.

Nadine called upon Heidi to give an update about the most recent USRA Coalition meeting. Heidi stated that due to Covid-19 it was hard to move forward with plans for some training classes in the school, now that school cannot have a large assembly. The bulk of the meeting was Mike Koth discussing what was going to happen in schools moving forward

Nadine inquired if the funds are going to expire or be brought over to the next year and Heidi said that normally they cannot be brought forward, however under these circumstances of Covid-19 there is some flexibility in the rules, but because it is grant money the Coalition is not sure yet how tight the rules will be.

Heidi described for the public the role of the Coalition and its mission. The Coalition was developed to help education against stigmas and drug abuse. Their focus is to keep kids drug free and to educate them on drugs and drug use. It is a grant for Upper Saddle River and Allendale working with the schools and police departments as well. Their main focus is strictly middle schools and high schools. Currently, for the public they have Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, so anyone can follow the Coalition on social media.

NEW BUSINESS/ PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nadine shared the best websites for information on Covid-19

www.co.bergen.nj.us – This is very helpful for Bergen County residents.

www.cdc.gov – This is more information on a National picture

www.covid-19.nj.gov This is our New Jersey website

The public can obtain plenty of information about Covid-19, about numbers and about testing sites available in the area, especially on the Bergen County website.

Another update is Allendale Hair Studio is going to be closed for 2 weeks. An employee tested positive and was in contact with all the employees. The Public Health Nurse spoke with them and basically everyone is quarantined. The Nurse also spoke with management to notify all patrons that might have been exposed to this person and they should monitor for symptoms the next 14 days and self-quarantine for 14 days. When the time is up the Salon can reopen. They were compliant with masks on clients and employees.

Councilwomen Amy Wilczynski sent an update about Crestwood Lake to Nadine.

Councilwomen Wilczynski stated that things are going really well at Crestwood Lake. People were following the rules and there was plenty of space for everyone. There is an area in the shade for the senior citizens. The diving boards are going to be opened soon and will be cleaned regularly. Slides remain closed. Bathrooms have been monitored. The concession stand had some patrons waiting online, not wearing masks. Also, some garbage was left around the building. The concession stand will be hiring additional staff to monitor these issues. Water quality at the Lake has been good.

Nadine reviewed the Covid-19 New Jersey website and would like to share this information with the public.

There are 19 states, that if you travel to them currently, when you return to New Jersey there is a 14-day self-quarantine. There are exemptions for medical professionals, hospital workers, police and EMS. They just have to wear a mask when they return to work. The 19 states are listed on www.covid-19.nj.gov.

Re-opening of indoor dining has been postponed. Restaurants with a fixed roof, have to have two sides that are open to make sure there is enough airflow. This falls under indoor dining. Going on to the website gives more specific details about all dining rules and regulations.

Heidi and Nadine would like the information about the websites and also information on mental health posted to the Borough website.

A discussion came up with the board member about the rise in Covid-19 numbers going up. Nadine will reach out to Ron Kistner and Scott Zieber to clarify this information.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Morgan and seconded by Susan Toron.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Pistone

Board of Health Secretary

