

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA, 02481
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman
Linda Oliver Grape, Secretary
Carol Hannenburg, Associate

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

The Board of Health approved the following meeting minutes: May 16, 2019.

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- Opioid Addiction Forum held on May 22, 2019, sponsored by the Wellesley Rotary at the Wellesley Country Club. Mr. Cohen reported that there were less than 30 attendees.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Rubbish Hauler renewals
- Camp update
- Moses Pond gates opening for Memorial Day weekend (no pond testing done, no lifeguards present). Official opening is scheduled for June 12, 2019.

c) Natural Resources (NRC)

Leonard Izzo reported on the requests of Dr. Regina LaRocque of the NRC. Dr. LaRocque has requested a joint letter from the NRC and the Board of

Health supporting restrictions to the independent mosquito and tick spraying companies.

Mr. Izzo also reported that Dr. LaRocque has concerns about the lead in water at Wellesley schools and childcare facilities. A request has been made for a plan to test all fixtures in the community.

Mr. Izzo will be contacting Dr LaRocque. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Staff Positions and Job Descriptions

At the last meeting, the Board of Health agreed to submit the following revised job descriptions to the Human Resource Department:

- Senior Environmental Health Specialist
- Administrator
- Senior Community Social Worker

The Board of Health has not yet received the revised job descriptions from HR. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

2. Community Health

a) HRS- Mental Health Services

Leonard Izzo reported that Dr. Rob Evans of HRS will be retiring from his position as Director at the end of June. The Board of Health will invite Dr. Evans and his replacement (Dr. Mark Kline) to the next Board of Health Meeting.

b) Upcoming programming

Cheryl Lefman reported on the following program that is scheduled for this evening:

- Depression Program (5/23/19)

3. Environmental Health

a) Food Establishments

At the last meeting, Holly Detroy reported that she had been served a subpoena to appear in court as a witness for The Cottage Restaurant, in a case vs Captain Marden's Seafood and Admiral Fish Farm.

Leonard Izzo provided a brief update of the court case.

b) Wellesley Sports Center

At the last meeting, Leonard Izzo and Meghan Jop provided information about the anticipated (upcoming) opening of the Wellesley Sports Center. Mr. Izzo reported that a host of conditions need to be addressed before the location can open.

At today's meeting, Leonard Izzo reported on a meeting that was organized by Meghan Jop that included all Town of Wellesley department heads and the owner of the Wellesley Sports Center. Mr. Izzo reported that there are thirteen conditions that are to be met prior to being permitted to open. It does not appear that these conditions will be met. Management of the location has already scheduled camps, skating time etc. at the location. One major consideration is that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is expected to install a traffic light in July, however no specific date has been given.

Mr. Izzo reported that a great deal of work needs to be done for pool completion at the facility. He noted that they are expected to start filling the pool water on June 7th and opening is supposed to be on July 7th however Mr. Izzo does not believe that three weeks will be enough time to balance the new pool. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

The food establishment, Cheesy Street Grille will be opening in October 2019.

c) Boston Sports Club (BSC)

At the last several meetings, Leonard Izzo provided inspectional information regarding the closure of the indoor swimming pool and whirlpool at Boston Sports Club. The Board of Health reviewed an order letter written and dated 4/12/19 to Boston Sports Club, referencing the pool suspension of operations. The inspection noted non-compliance of water quality, record keeping, staff training and supervision, sanitation and maintenance, poor ventilation, unsatisfactory test kit condition and missing items in the first aid kit. Documentation that was requested and repair orders have not been addressed within timeframes ordered. Multiple requests for status updates have been made to no avail.

The Board of Health had approved issuing a pool permit to BSC for 30 days (May 1 to May 30, 2019). Next Thursday, May 30, 2019 - this extension ends.

At today's meeting Mr. Izzo reported that there continues to be issues. The management had expected and requested to open the outdoor facility for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, however there has not been any progress since the walk thru that was conducted approximately two weeks ago (in early May). Among a host of other issues, the slide pool continues to leak at approximately 3-4 inches of water per day.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Vaping and E-cigarettes

Leonard Izzo reported on the anticipated changes that are to take place regarding sales of tobacco products in the Town of Walpole.

DJ Wilson will be invited to a future meeting to discuss changes in the Tobacco regulations.

4. Emergency Preparedness

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

Documents reviewed during this meeting and on file in the Health Department:

- Board of Health Action items dated 5/23/19
- Copy of support letter dated 5/20/19 – Public Health Collaborative Partnership for Enhanced Officer Interaction with Individuals Presenting with Mental Illness.