

Hillsdale Board of Health

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Hillsdale Board of Health
May 6, 2014

Vice President Susan Kushner opens the meeting at 7:10 a.m.

“This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on December 3, 2013, a notice of time and place of this meeting was provided to the Ridgewood News and is posted on the electronic bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall.

Secretary calls the roll:

Present: Dr. Susan Kushner, Vice President, Mrs. Marguerite Deppert, RN, Mrs. Christina Fanelli, RN, Mrs. Lois Kohan, RN, Mrs. Angela Musella, NWBRHC, Mr. James Stephens, Mrs. Louisa Toledo, Dr. Rona Weinberg, Mrs. Chrisoula Looes, Council Liaison

Absent: Mrs. Barbara DeCaro, President, Mrs. Elaine Meyerson

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, April 1, 2014

Motion to receipt and file: C. Fanelli Second: L. Toledo

Approval of April, 2014 Correspondence:

Motion to receipt and file: R. Weinberg Second: L. Toledo

Health Office and Employee Reports:

1. Mandated inspections were done at American Legion, Demarest Farms, Domani and West Hills Deli. All were satisfactory.
2. Stonybrook Swim Club is not yet open and NWBRHC will get water reports at the end of the month before the Club opens.
3. There was a complaint about rats and pooling water on a Hampton Place property. Gail Brunner and the complainant walked to property and observed a bird feeder and pooling water in the neighbors yard. She was advised that this is a food source for rodents and to discontinue feeding the birds.
4. A complaint was made in reference to a wood pile on a neighbors property which was harboring rats which went onto his property. The complainant said he had talked to the neighbor several times and was advised that the wood pile would be removed which has not happened as yet. G. Cochran conducted a site inspection and observed a wood pile on the property. The complainant was interviewed and said that he would speak to her again.

5. An anonymous complaint was received that workers were cutting stone at the train station at a memorial site. The complainant was concerned about silica dust. G. Brunner conducted an inspection and met with the contractor. It was decided that since the work was almost finished and there was no one around they would complete the work and blow the dust westerly towards the railroad tracks where there were no people present.
6. M. Deppert had 11 patients at the American Legion, and 5 at Hillsdale House for the Blood Pressure Clinic.\
7. There were 11 patients at the Child Health Conference, and she did no home visits in April.
8. There were 5 cases of communicable disease reports – 2 Lyme, 1 chronic Hep B, 1 varicella and 1 group A strept. – There were no lead cases.
9. Immunization Audits were completed in February and March. The schools reflected the required 90% compliance rate for preschools/daycare and 95% compliance rate for elementary schools.
10. M. Deppert attended a health education program on lice, hand washing, and nutrition at Hillsdale United Nursery School, presented by D. Snyder of NWBRHC.
11. She will be conducting a chair fitness program for 50+ club which is scheduled to begin 9/11/14 – there will be 8 sessions.
12. M. Deppert did a Health/fitness webinar in April and BCDHS in-service, Cultural Competence in May.
13. L. Kohan was away in Florida so she did not do any home visits last month but was in touch by phone with the family of an elderly couple who want to stay in their home in Hillsdale. Decisions were made over the phone.
14. She was in touch with the director of Meals on Wheels.
15. Her exercise class is doing well at Hillsdale House.
16. L. Kohan mentioned the Parkinson's Unity Walk which her family attended and thanked everyone who supports that program. She also mentioned the YMCA program for cancer survivors which she attends.

Motion to receipt and file: R. Weinberg

Second: C. Fanelli

Opening of Public Meeting 8:15 p.m. – Closed Public Meeting 8:16 p.m.

Prior Business:

1. **Walk Across America** - C. Fanelli said that the program is still doing well.
2. **The Adult Playgound:** M. Deppert will find out from P. Hughes if there is any word from Neglia Engineering on the possibility of a grant for this project.
3. **American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness:** C. Fanelli spoke with Paul Lalka who wants to continue with this program. She will follow up on this.
4. **Mayor's Wellness Program.** When M. Deppert introduced the Pilot Version to start off she was met with some road blocks and will try again at a later date.
5. **Camp Physicals** have been offered but so far no one has taken advantage of them.

New Business:

1. **Dog Licenses:** Tyco wrote out summonses for unlicensed dogs.
2. **Skin Cancer Screening:** Scheduled for July 29th from 2-5 pm at Stonybrook
3. **Flu Clinic:** Scheduled for September 16th from 4-7 p.m.
4. **Changing Meeting Date:** The meeting date of September 2 will be changed to
5. September 9. A vote was taken and everyone was in favor.
6. **NWBRHC Contract.** Will be voted on in June at the next meeting.
7. **Health Fair/Flu Shots/possible blood testing:** M. Deppert has spoken to Accumed who does the blood testing for the health fair. They are willing to do blood screening only without the health fair. M. Deppert is still working on when would be a good time to do this.

Vouchers: None at this time.

There was also a discussion on children not being immunized, and there being outbreaks of measles and mumps, etc. and how easy it is for parents to say they don't want to immunize their children because of religious beliefs.

M. Deppert was asked if she could start an exercise program for the 50+ Club. She will do an 8 session program.

L. Toledo asked if there was any kind of exercise program for children who don't play organized sports but need to exercise. She will look further into this.

S. Kushner brought up the subject of E-cigarettes and whether or not they should be classified the same as regular cigarettes and be kept behind the counter in stores. A. Musella said she will look into this further. There was also a discussion on whether smoking should be banned in county parks and that maybe a letter should be written to the county from the Board of Health for an ordinance to be written for this.

Motion to adjourn meeting: R. Weinberg

Second: J. Stephens

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2014