

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Goergen, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, President, Mrs. Christina Livers, Pro-Tempore, Dr. Denis Rubal, and Mrs. Catherine Whitright. Mr. David Gragg was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner, Dan Mix, Administrator, Michael Tusick, Registered Sanitarian and Rebecca Buddenberg, Fiscal Coordinator.

Others present: Geauga County Commissioner Walter "Skip" Claypool and Lorri Benza, Bainbridge Township Trustee

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goergen asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2016 Board of Health meeting with one correction of a typo on page 5. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. Rubal, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Dr. Rubal moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, April 14, 2016 to May 12, 2016. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. Rubal, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

V. Walter "Skip" Claypool

Mr. Claypool addressed the Board regarding the water well monitoring program. He stated he is concerned that the Board and some township trustees wrote a letter to the County Commissioners and the newspaper about this program rather than speaking to him directly. Mr. Goergen told Mr. Claypool that the Board did not write a letter to the press, the letter was written to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Claypool stated he works hard for the residents of Geauga County. He has spoken to many different agencies and offices and did research about the USGS study. He stated that he had discovered some shortcomings in this study. Geauga county is the only county in the state that has a study of this scope done. He questioned why that is and what is the importance of it. There are currently 37 wells being monitored.

Mr. Claypool stated that over \$500,000 has been spent over the last 20 years. There is limited quality information. He stated that he feels there are areas for improvement. He has a plan to improve this information. Mr. Claypool said that the USGS study shows that population does not have that much of an impact on water level. They are more determined by seasonal factors.

There was a study done in 1994 and that the information is continuously used. Mr. Claypool feels that some changes should be made. He feels the data gathered by the Planning Commission and the Health District could be used.

Gerry Morgan from the Department of Water Resources has indicated that they have the staff and resources to do the well monitoring.

Mr. Weisdack presented the Board with an idea he developed that could easily monitor many different parameters of the study. Much of this information is already being gathered and put into a computer system where a report could easily be run for a much more comprehensive analysis. Once this information is gathered, it would then be submitted to USGS for analyzing. There is also well log data on the ODNR website as well.

Mr. Claypool feels that instead of USGS analyzing that data, that Geauga County would be better suited to do the analyzing.

Mrs. Livers shared some of her experiences as Russell Township Trustee and how the USGS study came to be. Mr. Goergen stated that he feels that the Geauga County Health District is ahead of the curve in helping safeguard the county from sanitary sewers and public water. The information gathered through the For Sale of Property evaluation program was instrumental in delaying the implementation of the sewage rules and getting some of the rules changed.

Mr. Claypool believes that well level monitoring is not necessary to support the large lot zoning. Mrs. Livers stated that this data would be used to defend large lot zoning if challenged in law. It is not just about the data collection, it is also about the data being used in a court of law. Mrs. Lorri Benza, Bainbridge Township Trustee and former Geauga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney brought up some past cases in which the data was used to defend zoning cases in court.

Mr. Claypool stated he knew what the nature of the arguments of the cases were but he didn't believe that water level monitoring data would be needed to defend large lot zoning. Mrs. Benza said she and her fellow Bainbridge Trustees have spoken about this issue and feel that there is great value in this data.

Mr. Claypool wants to measure it based on its own merit, not if it would help in a legal battle. He said that some of the townships do not care about this data and do not use it.

Mr. Claypool told the Board that he would be happy to speak to any of them. He prefers to have a personal conversation rather than addressing the issue in writing.

Mr. Goergen asked Mrs. Benza if she had anything to say regarding the discussion. Mrs. Benza stated she wanted to thank the Board for what they do. She represented the Board of Health for many years as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. She feels a decision must be made either way regarding the water monitoring issue. She expressed her concern on whether the way it is being proposed can legally be done.

She also stated that the townships wrote a letter in opposition to mandatory accreditation.

VI. Administrative Hearings

a. Stephen & Aimee Makowski, James & Lynne Varney, Matthew & Laura Fisher, James & Sharon Skirbunt, Dave Thirion, Joshua Lewis, Robert & Martha Troyer, Jerome Flesher, Nicholas Eskew, David & Elizabeth Kurtz, William Morrison, Owen Shrock, Brian & Kimberly Dobay, Aaron Miller, Wayne & Ada Yoder, Ashley Doles, Jordan Previte, Robert & Jason Gardner, Matthew & Kristen Brickman, Renee Morgan, Peter Sanelli, 9610 Wilson Mills Rd., Chester Twp., and Mike Schultz

None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Stephen & Aimee Makowski, 8031 Bainbridge Rd., Bainbridge Twp., James & Lynne Varney, 18970 Brewster Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Matthew & Laura Fisher, 16585 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., James & Sharon Skirbunt, 7191 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Dave Thirion, 7250 Clay St., Thompson Twp., Joshua Lewis, 8615 Dewey Rd., Montville Twp., Robert & Martha Troyer, 17431 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Jerome Flesher, 12661 Heath Rd., Munson Twp., Nicholas Eskew, 15032 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., David & Elizabeth Kurtz, 18345 Hobart Rd., Parkman Twp., William Morrison, 12923 Kenyon Dr., Chester Twp., Owen Shrock, 16856 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Brian & Kimberly Dobay, 16986 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Aaron Miller, 17261 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp., Wayne & Ada Yoder, 15951 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp., Ashley Doles, 8845 Ranch Dr., Chester Twp., Jordan Previte, 11232 Taylor Wells Rd., Claridon Twp., Robert & Jason Gardner, 9706 Thwing Rd., Chardon Twp., Matthew & Kristen Brickman, 13060 Vista Point Dr., Claridon Twp., Renee Morgan, 9561

Weathervane Dr., Bainbridge Twp., Peter Sanelli, 9610 Wilson Mills Rd., Chester Twp., Mike Schultz, 14718 Woodbury Dr., Newbury Twp.

Section 3701-29-25(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations states, "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed at time of transfer of ownership of any parcel with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed." Discussion followed.

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Stephen & Aimee Makowski, 8031 Bainbridge Rd., Bainbridge Twp., James & Lynne Varney, 18970 Brewster Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Matthew & Laura Fisher, 16585 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., James & Sharon Skirbunt, 7191 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Dave Thirion, 7250 Clay St., Thompson Twp., Joshua Lewis, 8615 Dewey Rd., Montville Twp., Robert & Martha Troyer, 17431 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Jerome Fleisher, 12661 Heath Rd., Munson Twp., Nicholas Eskew, 15032 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., David & Elizabeth Kurtz, 18345 Hobart Rd., Parkman Twp., William Morrison, 12923 Kenyon Dr., Chester Twp., Owen Shrock, 16856 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Brian & Kimberly Dobay, 16986 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Aaron Miller, 17261 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp., Wayne & Ada Yoder, 15951 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp., Ashley Doles, 8845 Ranch Dr., Chester Twp., Jordan Previte, 11232 Taylor Wells Rd., Claridon Twp., Robert & Jason Gardner, 9706 Thwing Rd., Chardon Twp., Matthew & Kristen Brickman, 13060 Vista Point Dr., Claridon Twp., Renee Morgan, 9561 Weathervane Dr., Bainbridge Twp., Peter Sanelli, 9610 Wilson Mills Rd., Chester Twp., and Mike Schultz, 14718 Woodbury Dr., Newbury Twp. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. Rubal, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that Stephen & Aimee Makowski, 8031 Bainbridge Rd., Bainbridge Twp., James & Lynne Varney, 18970 Brewster Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Matthew & Laura Fisher, 16585 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., James & Sharon Skirbunt, 7191 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Dave Thirion, 7250 Clay St., Thompson Twp., Joshua Lewis, 8615 Dewey Rd., Montville Twp., Robert & Martha Troyer, 17431 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Jerome Fleisher, 12661 Heath Rd., Munson Twp., Nicholas Eskew, 15032 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., David & Elizabeth Kurtz, 18345 Hobart Rd., Parkman Twp., William Morrison, 12923 Kenyon Dr., Chester Twp., Owen Shrock, 16856 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Brian & Kimberly Dobay, 16986 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Aaron Miller, 17261 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp., Wayne & Ada Yoder, 15951 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp., Ashley Doles, 8845 Ranch Dr., Chester Twp., Jordan Previte, 11232 Taylor Wells Rd., Claridon Twp., Robert & Jason Gardner, 9706 Thwing Rd., Chardon Twp., Matthew & Kristen Brickman, 13060 Vista Point Dr., Claridon Twp., Renee Morgan, 9561 Weathervane Dr., Bainbridge Twp., Peter Sanelli, 9610 Wilson Mills Rd., Chester Twp., and Mike Schultz, 14718 Woodbury Dr., Newbury Twp. be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's office for legal action. Dr. Rubal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. Rubal, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

The Board took a five-minute break. Dr. Rubal left the meeting at 9:10 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 pm.

VII. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Rules

1. SB118

Mr. Weisdack provided written testimony in support of SB118. There should be another hearing for this bill. If so, Mr. Weisdack is planning to attend.

b. WPCLF Contract and Agreement

The agreement with OEPA for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund has been approved. We can now accept applications from homeowners who have a failing septic system. All residents must qualify based on income, per OEPA criteria.

c. General Information

Mr. Weisdack went to the Health Commissioners conference recently. The Director of the Ohio Department of Health again stated that all health districts must be accredited.

We received a rabies report recently. There have been no documented cases of rabies in Ohio to date.

Mr. Weisdack was to meet with Mr. Wolcott on May 16, 2016 but because of the wet weather, he rescheduled it to May 20, 2016. Mr. Weisdack will determine the area of remediation at that time and will instruct Mr. Wolcott on the procedure.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The staff continues to plan for the Republic National Convention and has met with Cardinal Local School officials to discuss POD planning and operations.

b. Disease Surveillance

The disease count for April was 29, which is an increase from February. Jay Becker provided training for the nursing staff to learn how to use the Ohio Disease Reporting System.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of April, the nursing staff provided 2 Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, 5 Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 4 Senior Center clinics. Included were visits for 22 children at the well child clinics, 288 vaccinations given to 81 children, 21 adult immunizations, 99 BP and 14 TB tests. The nurses also provided vision screenings that resulted in referrals for glasses for 16 children. They also conducted 4 maternal/ newborn visits and 4 BCMH home visits.

CFHS funding is not to be used for CFHS Amish Well Child Clinics or Community Health Assessments any longer. The options for the funding include: encouraging practitioners to screen for mental health and addiction problems; conducting community health assessment to identify needs and gaps for nutritional and physical activity in the community; conducting a transportation needs assessment to focus on maternal and child health; and/or conducting a safe-sleep program.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload report for April has not been completed. It will be reported at the June meeting along with the May report.

e. Administration

The training of the new clerical staff by Helen Reighard has progressed much quicker than anticipated. We expect that Mrs. Reighard will only be with us through the second week of June.

f. Accreditation

All four staff groups are moving forward with their QI projects. It is promising to see the staff thinking about QI.

Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Mix continue to attempt to raise funding for the 2016/2017 community health assessment.

IX. Old Business

a. O/M Shareholder Committee Appointment- Chris Yaecker

Mr. Weisdack stated that Mr. Yaecker's name was mentioned at the recent HDAC meeting. Mr. Weisdack was asked to appoint Mr. Yaecker to the O/M Shareholder Committee.

Mrs. Livers moved 5.16-a to accept the HDAC recommendation and appoint Chris Yaecker to the O/M Shareholder Committee. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

X. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 9:38 pm. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes. Meeting reconvened at 10:47 pm. Mr. Goergen stated that no action would be taken as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

XI. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 5.16-b to acknowledge the resignation of Peggy Herman, WIC Coordinator effective May 13, 2016. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 5.16-c to approve the advertising and hiring of a WIC Coordinator within the approved salary range. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Goergen read a letter that Dr. Rubal submitted announcing his resignation from the Board at approximately 9:10 pm.

Mrs. Livers moved 5.16-d to accept the resignation of Dr. Rubal from the Geauga County Board of Health effective May 16, 2016 with regret. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XIII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIV. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 pm. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, R.S., M.A., M.P.H.
Secretary of the Board

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