

Village of Oak Park  
Board of Health  
September 24, 2013  
Village Hall – Room 102  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: @ 6:02 PM

Present: Chair, Dr. Mbekeani; Commissioners: Diakite, Miller, Pont,  
Lowrie

Absent: Campbell, Grivois-Shah,

Guest: Lisa Taddei, UIC SPH student

2. Approval of agenda: Agenda approved

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 27, 2013 meeting approved

4. Public Comment:

- Peggy McGrath, 222 North Marion Street, Oak Park spoke on promoting a pesticide-free Oak Park; inviting the scientific community to talk to the BOH; encouraging residents to post pesticide-free areas; awareness of dangers of pesticides to children; Park District use of 'Round-up'

5. New Business:

- Introduction of newly appointed BOH Commissioner Joel Lowrie, RN, a nurse currently practicing at Shriners Hospital
- Elisabeth Bacani, RN, Public Health Nurse, spoke on the *Breathe Easy Oak Park* smoke-free multi-unit housing campaign, developed by the Health Department with funds from the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities grant.

6. Old Business:

- Recommendation for an ordinance mandating bicycle helmet use among youth in Oak Park – update: Margaret advised that the recommendation is scheduled to go to the Village Board at the October 7 meeting. Ravi Grivois-Shah will be making the presentation. A meeting of the Bike Advocacy Coalition will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7 PM in Room 101.
- Final review of the 2014 Board of Health Work Plan: The 2014 work plan was reviewed. Board members voted unanimously to adopt the work plan which will now be forwarded to the Village Board.
- Discussion of rescheduling BOH meeting dates in November and December, 2013: Ravi Grivois-Shah had asked that the BOH consider moving the dates

of the meeting to another Tuesday in November and December to avoid the holiday weeks, still providing the BOH with the opportunity to meet. The dates of November 19 and December 17 were proposed. The availability of meeting rooms will be explored and absent members polled as to their availability.

7. Motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, Health Director