

**MINUTES**  
**Oak Park Board of Health**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 2019- 7:00 PM**  
**Village Hall – Room 102**

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Jennifer Fritz, Noel Chavez, Adrienne Rogers, Natalie Serratos;  
Village staff: Mike Charley, Public Health Director

Excused: Ryan Patrick, Timothy Halt

Visitors: Jessica Senger, Wendy Senger, Peter Senger

- I. Call to Order at 7:06 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- III. Approval of the Minutes of May 28, 2019: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Bike Helmet Project Presentation – Jessica Senger: Jessica presented information on a bike helmet project that she had completed for Girl Scout project. The purpose of Jessica’s project was to determine current use of bike helmets by youth, barriers to bike helmet usage and awareness of bike helmet ordinance among youth. The project included completion of a survey by local area students and adults. She provided information that she has also participated in a Thursday Night Out event where she distributed pledge cards (where people signed up to pledge to wear a bike helmet) and provided education on bike safety. Jessica communicated that she also has a Facebook Page she created to promote bike helmet safety. She wanted to attend the BOH meeting to share her survey results and propose next steps regarding promoting bike safety in the Village. Jessica provided a list of strategies:
  - Video with Survey statistics and interviews
  - Partnership with school districts & police department
  - Oak Park bike safety plan
  - Use of pledge for education
  - Ordinance awareness at D97 & D200
  - Long-term project
  - Greater survey outreach to students: She had posted the survey on Facebook sites and on “Mom Mail”. She did reach out to D97, but D97 said that they are legally not allowed to do this.

Serratos stated that she liked the video idea and sharing it via Facebook and with the school district. Miller communicated that she was surprised that 71% of the surveyed students were not aware of the helmet law. Miller wondered how the Village can increase resident knowledge of the bike helmet law. Miller communicated that

sometimes parents need help in communicating bike helmet use to their children. Wendy Senger, mother of Jess Senger communicated that good habits start early and parents set the example.

## VI. Old Business

### A. Work Plan Review – Commissioner Updates

1. Miller asked that all commissioners review Work Plan items that were assigned to each commissioner and provide any updates at the next scheduled BOH meeting.
2. Miller communicated that the PYD committee began looking at the issue of students 8<sup>th</sup> – 12 grades past 30 day alcohol use. This data came from the Illinois Youth Survey. Now the PYD group is now working on vaping. At last night's Village Board meeting, there was a first reading of the Village's Tobacco ordinance which included amendments as a result of the BOH's ENDS recommendations. The outcome of the meeting is that Village Board members requested updates to the ordinance from the Village attorney including banning the sale of flavored tobacco products and banning the sale of ENDS skins. Also the Village Board requested Village staff to take a close look at how the ordinance is enforced in regards to equity.
3. Chavez communicated that she has reached out to the new Executive Director of the Collaboration for Early Childhood and is waiting for his response.

### B. Review of Day in Our Village & Farmers' Market

1. Chavez communicated that the Guess the Vegetable was very popular at A Day in Our Village.
2. Chavez communicated that the BOH should promote vaccine preventable diseases at A Day in Our Village.

## VII. New Business

A. State Marijuana Legislation: Miller communicated that the PYD group is starting to take a look at the State of Illinois' marijuana legislation. PYD will be having a marijuana town hall in September or October and this will be open to everyone. They will have speakers that are experts in this field.

### B. Speakers for Future Meetings

1. Craig Failor: Envision Comprehensive Community Health Plan
2. Gaurav Gaonkar, Village's Emergency Preparedness & Response Coordinator
3. Thrive
4. PCC Wellness Center

VIII. Adjourn at 8:10 pm, first by Rogers, Second by Chavez

Next meeting August 27, 2019