

**MINUTES**  
**Oak Park Board of Health**  
**Tuesday, November 26, 2019 – 7:00 PM**  
**Village Hall – Room 102**

Present: Board of Health: Florence Miller, Jennifer Fritz, Noel Chavez, Timothy Halt, Ryan Patrick, Natalie Serratos

- I. Call to Order @ 7:02 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Patrick
- III. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2019: Approved, first by Chavez, second by Fritz
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. Old Business
  - A. Update on e-cigarette ordinance: Miller discussed how ordinance passed for no sales to anyone under 21. Most of the 35 recommendations that the BOH presented were included in the law including update of definition of e-cigarettes. Law goes into effect Jan. 1. Other items included in law were: no advertisements on windows, all products behind counter, OP Police Dept would do stings similar to ETOH sales, there will be no free giveaways to customers, no fines for youths that are caught: they will be put in counseling/community resource program. Discussion was initiated about future recommendations (banning e-cigarettes altogether) based on recent statements by the CDC, AMA, and AAP, but the BOH will revisit as needed in the future.
  - B. Creation of an education program regarding lead in drinking water: Fritz provided handout on possible framework for such an outreach program from the CDC. Per Fritz, it is just a framework and can be customized to our village. Could provide template to build on. Chavez also presented multiple possible options, studies that have been done in other municipalities. Some suggestions included working with IEPA to produce a fact sheet that could even possibly be placed in the quarterly water bill.

Moving forward, per Miller's suggestions, the BOH will do a three measures to help educate the village on lead in the water: 1) Panel Presentation with local experts (Public Works, IEPA, IDPH, more to be decided later) 2) Getting info out to entire village: suggestions included postcards in water bill, village website banners, village newsletter, Day in the Village. Serratos will work on customized social media posts and will work on PSA and may even submit said video to One Earth Festival which is in the Spring. Miller suggested also providing easily

accessible info for homeowners if they are interested in replacing the lead lined pipes that run from their house to the sidewalk. 3) Suggest Public Works provide targeted education for project areas including possible small town hall meetings in area of construction to discuss the lead issues (?Multipurpose rooms at Parks nearby). Public Works projects are completed for the year and will start up in the Spring.

Going forward, it was decided that the January BOH meeting will be dedicated to the lead issue. BOH will discuss plans of action and will invite: PDOP, Public Works, Environment & Energy Commission to the meeting to help devise a plan. As far as community outreach, it was discussed that following should be involved: local businesses including Lively, Yoga studios, New Moms, Doula businesses, Physician Groups/Clinics, Local newspapers with other emphasis on the Village as a whole through the communications department of the village and focused areas in the village that construction is effecting.

- C. Reviewed 2020 Work Plan & Assignments: Miller stated that it seems all commissioners were assigned to different activities at this time, but it can be dynamic throughout the year if motivations or situations change.
- D. Village Board Decision on Marijuana: Board decided to make marijuana “Permissive use” as of Jan 1 when law goes into effect. The board did not request BOH help, advice at this time. Will continue to follow.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Update & Approve 2020 BOH work plan to include becoming members of National Association of Local Boards of Health. Miller explained that we would be able to more easily share and receive information from other Boards of Health across the country. The \$300 annual membership fee will be paid for by the village. Motion by Patrick to approve update to work plan to include above, second by Chavez; passed unanimously.
- B. Motion by Fritz to cancel December BOH meeting due to holiday. Second by Patrick. Passed unanimously. Also discussed that since January meeting will be dedicated to lead, then February meeting will involve Emergency Management.

VII. Adjourn @ 8:05, first by Halt, second by Fritz

Next meeting January 28, 2020