

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2010
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER CENTER
6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS

Members of Board Present: Georgianne Brunner, Chairperson, Harry Cook, DVM, Joel Collander, RPH, Peggy Friewer, Sanford Gail, Abdul Sattar, MD, Raoul Smoczynski, Joe O'Shea

Members of Board Absent: None

Village Staff Present: Trustee Shel Marcus
Staff Liaison Bonnie Burnett

Guests: Eric Poders, Resident

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, the regular meeting of the Board of Environmental Health was called to order at 7 PM by Chairperson Georgianne Brunner.

The minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Cook moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Mr. Collander seconded the motion. All present voted to approve the minutes.

Ms. Burnett presented the latest, and hopefully last, version of the Hazardous House Policy. She explained the changes requested by Mr. Hildebrandt, Fire Chief Friel, and Police Chief Erickson. She thanked Georgia Vasilopoulos for her technical assistance with the document. Dr. Sattar made a motion to approve the policy for use. Dr. Cook seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor. Trustee Marcus thanked the Board for their work on the project.

Ms. Brunner stated that H1N1 cases have slowed. Last week 8 new cases were reported in Illinois for a total of 2970 cases and 102 deaths. Cook County reported 1 new case for a total of 594 cases and 17 deaths. Dr. Sattar said that many people did not want the H1N1 vaccine. If there is another outbreak, vaccine will be available for those who want it. There are differing opinions as to how the virus will occur in the future. The H1N1 vaccine will probable be incorporated into the seasonal flu vaccine in the future.

Earth Hour will be observed March 27, 2010, from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. Ms. Friewer moved to ask the Village President to present an Earth Hour Proclamation encouraging Morton Grove residents and businesses to participate by turning off non-essential lights for that hour. Mr. Smoczynski seconded the motion. All present voted to approve the motion.

The 40th anniversary of Earth Day will be observed on April 22, 2010. Mr. Smoczynski made a motion to ask the Village President to present an Earth Day Proclamation encouraging Morton Grove residents to recognize Earth Day and participate in activities. Ms. Friewer seconded the motion. All present voted to approve the motion.

There was a brief discussion of how to publicize these events. Trustee Marcus suggested putting the information on channel 6 for cable viewers. Ms. Burnett said she would speak to Nick Katz of the Champion.

Ms. Burnett said that there will be Document Destruction Event on Saturday, September 11, from 9 AM to 11 AM. The event almost did not occur because of the limits on public works employees' overtime. Paul Tobin, a public works supervisor, graciously volunteered to help. Ms. Burnett said that she will be asking for help from Board members closer to the event. She also said she plans to publicize the event well ahead of time because according to the SWANCC schedule, Skokie will not be holding an event. That is where Morton Grove residents have often gone in the past.

Ms. Brunner brought up the possibility of the Board having a table at some of the Farmers Market events to encourage recycling. Ms. Burnett said that she has informational items for adults and promotional items for children. She stated that recycling is an excellent project not only because it helps the environment, but also because the Village receives money for its recycling.

Ms. Brunner then suggested the same possibility for encouraging recycling at one or two of the Park District's Concerts in the Park. This has been OK'd by Liz Goodwin from the Park District. Ms. Burnett said that the community events are fun. Mr. Collander said he really enjoyed the time he spent at the recycling booth at Family Fest.

Ms. Brunner asked Board members for ideas that they might have on what this Board can do to serve the needs of the Village. She told them to think about it for the next meeting.

Ms. Brunner asked what the meeting schedule should be? Should it remain monthly or less often? Ms. Burnett said that it is hard to justify a meeting if there is nothing on the agenda. Meetings will be held when there are agenda items and cancelled if there are none.

Ms. Brunner told Board members that if they have e-mail, they will receive information from the administration department in that way to save postage.

Ms. Brunner presented an article from the Chicago Tribune saying that Washington, DC will require stores to charge \$.05 for a bag at the store.

Mr. Poders presented a magazine article from 1994 regarding composting.

There being no further business, Dr. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smoczynski and approved unanimously by a voice vote at 7:35 PM.

Minutes by Bonnie Burnett, Staff Liaison

Minutes were approved on May 4, 2010
by a voice vote of Board members.