

Radnor Township Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2018

Board of Health Members Present: Mr. Paul Crotty, Dr. Andrew Forman, Dr. Amit Khanna, Ms. Linda Schanne, Dr. Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Dr. Joan Capuzzi,

Radnor Township Health Inspector: Marie Carbonara  
Assistant Health Inspector: Kathryn Carlomagno  
Board of Commissioners Liaison: John Nagle  
Student Interns: Phillip Kaplan, Louis Minning

Absent: Ms. Kathy Durr, Dr. Charles Wheeler

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Review and approval of September 17, 2018 meeting minutes: Approved as edited.
  
- II. Board membership: Due to the relocation of a member out of the township we are short one member, and Mr. Nagle notes that he has information from several township residents who are interested in serving which he will forward to Dr. Forman.
  
- III. Student interns: L. Schanne introduced our two 2018-2019 student interns, Phillip Kaplan and Louis Minning, both juniors at Radnor High School.
  
- IV. Health Officer's Report
  - Since our last meeting, inspections of 54 food service institutions and 12 pools.
  - Community events include Radnor Fall Festival, September 16, 2018; Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Patch, October 7, 2018; and Flu shot clinic on October 11, 2018.
  - Several calls received on black mold; few local or state regulations pertain.

- HO met with Superintendent Flanagan and Delaware County DA Kat Copeland along with the parent group, Radnor Network to Prevent Gun Violence. They are fundraising to provide gun locks and organizing a safe gun turn-in day. A resource focused on reducing child gun deaths is [besmartforkids.com](http://besmartforkids.com).
- The Workplace Safety Committee meeting entailed Joe McGuire's presentation on fire safety and how to use a fire extinguisher.

V. Old business:

A. Ready for 100: N. Sharts-Hopko reviewed the discussion at our last meeting related to Ready for 100. Radnor resident S. Pillings reported on townships in our area, including Haverford, who have passed a Ready for 100 resolution. She shared information about two upcoming events: On October 24, 2018, at 6 p.m., Dr. Richard Tolin of MLHS will present “The Impact of Climate Change on Public Health” at the Landmark Americana Tap & Grill in Philadelphia. And on November 4, 2018 at 12-5, Haverford College will host a Renewable Expo cosponsored by Penn Environment, Delco Ready for 100, and Montco Ready for 100. Ms. Pillings further noted that Radnor Ready for 100 is working with the Radnor Township Environmental Action Committee. She will forward a resolution to Dr. Forman for this board’s consideration. Based on discussion at our September meeting, we anticipate that we will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in support of the Ready for 100 initiative within the next several months.

VI. New Business

A. Gas Leaf Blowers: N. Sharts-Hopko introduced a resolution to the Board: “In light of evidence about health hazards associated with older model gas leaf blowers related to noise level as well as emissions and dispersal of particulate matter, and having reviewed various strategies for reducing health risks, we recommend that the Board of Commissioners regulate gas leaf blowers as follows: model year 2007 or newer and producing 65 dBA of noise or less; and that use be restricted to between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.” Discussion followed regarding issues related to summer and weekend hours, measuring noise level, and the issue of dust endangering drivers. J. Nagle noted that the latter can be addressed by complaining to the Township because endangering drivers is already illegal. This resolution will be addressed at the November meeting

B. West Nile Virus: An extremely informative presentation was provided by P. Crotty and J. Capuzzi. To date, PA in general and Delaware County in particular have done a good job of minimizing the risk of WNV. However, as of October 31, 2018, the Penn State Extension Service at the Penn State Brandywine campus will no longer provide WNV control, leaving Delaware County to launch a program itself. We note that Delaware County does not have a health department. We need to push this agenda item with county and state officials. Dr. Forman provided clinical observations and recommendations for prevention: protective clothing, DEET as a well established product to prevent mosquito bites, and covering strollers and baby carriages with protective netting. We noted that spraying is helpful, and eliminating standing water is key to prevention of mosquito growth; bubblers in ponds are helpful. S. Pillings recommended a public education program as residents become distressed by spraying. P. Crotty will determine whether Geoff Way, who has served as DelCo WNV Coordinator, can talk with us about the chemicals that are used.

VII. Announcements:

Dr. Forman reminded us to get flu shots. He further noted that there is an uptick in the US of acute flaccid paralysis. Finally, take advantage of the township's drug drop-off box.

Adjournment: 6:44. The next meeting will be November 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.