

Township of Denville

Public Health & Safety Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes January 31, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Public Health & Safety Advisory Board was called to order at 6 pm on January 31, 2008 in the Administration Conference Room by Mayor Ted Husa.

Present:

Mayor Ted Husa, Lora Bogdany, Patricia Santoro, Carol Villanova-Dailey, Ellen Nowicky, Barbara DeLuna, Dawn Mahon, Michelle McGlynn, Darryl DiGiovanna, Rose Soucy

Absent:

James Norgalis, Gary Setters, Jeff O'Hara

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

This was the first organization meeting for this Board, there were no previous minutes.

C. Open Issues

There were no open issues for discussion.

D. New Business

1. Introduction of Volunteers completed. Mayor introduced Lora Bogdany – Chairman and Pat Santoro – Secretary of the Board. Members present provided detailed contact information for a contact list to be distributed to the members.
2. Discussion of additional public health and safety topics to add to the list detailed on the agenda as submitted by Mayor Husa. Issues presented and discussed:

Women's Cardiac Health, Invasive plants, High Cholesterol, Unsafe Public Places, Pollution, Flood Prevention, Effects of EMP emissions(ie-cell phones), Bike Safety, Lyme Disease, Rare Diseases(Neurofibromatosis), Household hazards/Consumer

products, ICE(In Case of Emergency)for cell phones, River Issues, Metals recycling, Defect Tracking Software, Keep Kids Alive Drive 25, Effect of recycled tires, Senior Health Issues, Breast Cancer, Colon-Rectal Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Lung Cancer/Smoking Awareness, Drug Awareness, Move It Morris Month, Agricultural Issues/ Bees, Mold Toxicity, Environmental Health Awareness-pesticides, bed bugs, hantavirus, household chemical hazards, Health Fair, Fall Prevention, Chronic Pain, Care for the Caregiver, Domestic Violence, Household Medical Waste (ie.-diabetic syringes)and Prescription Medication Disposal.

3. Review of the Mission Statement as written by Mayor Hussa.

“The mission of this Board is very simple. We seek anything in our environment that is detrimental to life in general. Our task is to identify one item per month, draw awareness to the hazard through education and use our time, talent and influence to combat those things. They may be health hazards; they maybe environmental hazards. They may be safety issues. The hazard may involve invasive plants, high cholesterol, unsafe public places, pollution, flood prevention, effects of EMP emissions, bike safety, Lyme disease, rare diseases, household hazards or whatever members of the Board feel is important. The Board operates with the support and in cooperation with the Denville Health Department, the Denville Local Emergency Management Council and Denville Social Services. The Board will focus on timely issues of great relevance to the public. The members are highly qualified individuals in their respective fields. The Board will plan monthly public health & safety issues and present an awareness event that will be of great benefit to the public.”

4. February’s Topic- Women’s Cardiac Health awareness “Wear Red Day” presented by Michelle McGlynn, the coordinator. WEAR RED DAY, February 1st, is the Board’s first monthly public awareness issue. It focuses on women’s cardiac health. Michelle created a poster, wrote a very informative educational handout for distribution, and ordered special WEAR RED DAY pins. She and the Mayor coordinated with Jim Norgalis, Denville Health Department Officer, to provide free blood pressure checks for women with the educational handouts available for distribution; in addition, the red pins will be given to the first 25 participants. She will also volunteer her time as a supporting RN that day. Money for the pins was donated and due to Michelle’s involvement this event was produces at no expense to the Township. Red balloons to highlight the event were donated and provided by Dawn Mahon.

5. The Board Members consolidated the topics/issues and established a proposed 2008 Calendar of Topics/Events as follows:

February *Women’s Cardiac Health*

March *Domestic Violence & Neurofibromatosis*

April *Mold Toxicity/ Lyme Disease, Flood Prevention, Invasive Plants, Environmental Health Awareness – pesticides, bed bugs, hantavirus, household chemical hazards*

May *Move It Morris Month*

June	<i>Keep Kids Alive Drive 25, Bike Safety and Traffic Safety</i>
July	<i>Care for the Caregivers</i>
August	<i>River Issues, Metals Recycling</i>
September	<i>Health Fair – Cancer, High Cholesterol and Smoking Awareness, Fall Prevention, Chronic Pain</i>
October	<i>Senior Health Issues</i>
November	<i>Drinking, Driving and Drug Awareness</i>
December	<i>Holiday Safety, Lake Ice Safety</i>

The Board agreed that the following topics will require additional in-depth research and review:

*Household medical waste/ Prescription medication disposal
Defect tracking software*

6. The Board agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Review, discussion and planning for March's event
2. Other items as outlined by Chairperson, Mayor or members.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Mayor Ted Husa.

The next general meeting will be at 7pm on February 12, 2008 in Administration Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Patricia Santoro February 2, 2008

Approved by: Lora Bogdany (Chair) February 3, 2008