

Board of Health Minutes

May 20, 2020

Regular Meeting:

Upon roll call: Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Mrs. Carol Boyer, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Gerri Moran, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mr. Alvaro Mederios, Mrs. Annie McNair.

Dr. Gary Pien absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge to approve the minutes of March 18, 2020 Board of Health meeting and seconded by Dr. Komal Naik. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

President's Report: no report

Health Officer's Report: The first positive case in Union County was in Berkeley Heights. There have been a total of 247 COVID-19 cases and 54 deaths in Berkeley Heights (50 from Long Term Care facilities & 4 from community residents). 64% from LTC, 26% from community residents and 10% from psychiatric hospital.

Kean University's drive thru is now offering nasal swab testing (not antibody testing) with symptoms or without symptoms. You need an appointment to get tested so please go to www.ucnj.org to book your appointment online. This drive thru testing is open M-F from 9-4pm.

Annie showed the COVID-19 hot spots on a Berkeley Heights map. She also showed graphs through May 17 and the spread of COVID-19 is decreasing (**down 40% of 17,000 tested**).

Registered Environmental Health Specialist's Report:

A warming kitchen for Little Flower Church was investigated and there's no law/ordinance pertaining to warming kitchens.

There was a virtual meeting recently with Delicious Heights to plan reopening and discuss outdoor seating options.

Home for Good Dogs court date was rescheduled to June 24. Sam I Am Bagels and Stop & Shop court dates due to grease trap inspections were moved to July 29.

General Communications:

A plan for BH restaurants reopening was discussed including expanding outdoor seating and submitting a detailed plan to the Board of Health. Per Alvaro, BH is trying to pass an ordinance about restaurant protocols including the above-mentioned items which

normally takes 45 days and would bring us to mid-July but trying to get this emergency ordinance passed faster.

New Business: no report

Old Business: no report

Citizens Hearing: no report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bob Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05pm. A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge and seconded by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky to adjourn to September 16, 2020 in the Public Meeting Conference Room at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo