

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 2023**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 7:34pm by M. DiBenedetti, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Corinne Woodward called the roll:

PRESENT: Michelle Di Benedetti
Debra Dziubinsky
Nancy Peet
Cynthia Cappell

ABSENT: Alexandra Zubok

PROFESSIONALS: Namitha Reddy, Health Officer
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Di Benedetti asked for an approval on the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. N. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by D. Dziubinsky and unanimously approved by all present.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The February report was reviewed by N. Reddy.

Highlights include:

- As of January 26th, community levels of COVID-19 is Medium for general settings and High for healthcare settings in Bergen County.
- Mill Gardens is being monitored for an active COVID 19 outbreak; no new cases for 24 days would qualify for the outbreak being over.
- Infection control guidance was provided to schools; currently no COVID-19 outbreaks in schools.
- COVID-19 count was 38 cases, significantly lower than January, 77.
- COVID test kits are available at NWBRHC for residents.
- Demand for vaccine is less; many individuals are home testing.

- Offered Food handler course; one attendee from Mill Gardens.
- Discussed how Body Art and Tanning establishments are different entities.
 - There is an ordinance in Midland Park that no body art is permitted.
 - Tanning facilities require registration with the state. Once they meet these regulations we will do a pre-operational inspection, we can issue the establishment a health license and will provide routine inspections.
 - The tanning bed will be located at Crunch Fitness in Midland Park.
- Discussed Health Licenses and fees collected for different businesses; nail salon, tanning, etc. and who inspects them and how they are regulated.
- N. Reddy stated that businesses such as nail salons are licensed through the state so that is not something we can license. Tanning Facilities however are not licensed by the state, only registered; so, this is an establishment we can license if we decided to do so.
- N. Peet questioned the new establishment, Sola Salons, and what type of business it is. C. Cappell noted that is licensed beauticians that have designated areas where they can work.
- Board members agreed for the time being we are going to inspect and once approved, allow the tanning facility at Crunch Fitness to operate. Once approved and let them know once and ordinance is passed at a later date they will be required to have a Health License and subjected to a fee. Will work on developing an ordinance for these facilities.
- Complaint in regards to rodent activity. N. Peet questioned rat activity. C. Woodward noted that less complaints have been received, but activity usually slows down in colder months.
- Submitted application for 2022-2023 Influenza Honor Roll
- Presented the monthly Health Education calendar.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The January/February Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Rabies Clinic is scheduled for May 8th, after meeting. All set and will have volunteers.
- Will move to quarterly meetings in 2024.

- N. Peet stated she received a local Board of Health mailing in her mailbox that asks we register to be a local Board of Health. N. Reddy noted it's a fee to register; will bring to the borough.
- No date for Community Day yet; will follow up once date get closer on what activities or service we will provide.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:53pm by M. DiBenedetti and seconded by C. Cappel. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, May 8, 2023, at 8:00 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant