

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Lang, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:05 p.m., and stated the meeting was being held to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Mr. J. David Benenati, Dr. Donald Bowers, Mrs. Nan Burr; and Ms. Melanie Eppich.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Michael Tusick, R.S.; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: Ten others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lang asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Benenati moved that the minutes from the May 15, 2006 meeting be approved. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the May financial report for all funds. **Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses May 11, 2006 to June 7, 2006. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update/Discussion

Mr. Weisdack reported that the State has developed a committee to review and approve the components for the new style of sewage systems. They will be holding seminars for sanitarians and installers once all the details have been worked out.

Mr. Weisdack stated that it is still unclear what should be done with the counties that have Amish communities.

A sewage workshop will need to be scheduled to go over the new rules. Mr. Weisdack asked the Board to let him know what dates they are available in July.

B. Land Application Site

There are currently 3 land application sites in Geauga County. Mr. Kaufman would like approval to apply household sewage to a piece of property in Burton.

Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick reviewed the lay of the lot with the Board. The application area is 1.5 acres. According to the EPA, this lot could handle 115,500 gallons of sewage per year. Mr. Kaufman has only 1 septic tank pumper truck, which holds approximately 3,500 gallons.

Mr. Kaufman has submitted a list of items he has agreed to comply with.

Mrs. Burr moved to approve the site located at 14211 Butternut Rd., Burton Township as an approved land application site. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

The PHI grant for GY2007 has been submitted. It is expected that we will received \$135,123.00. Additional money is being received for this year's grant. Those funds will be used towards planning.

Mrs. Scherer reported that instead of many small flu clinics, 2 large mass flu clinics will be held this year. This will allow us to practice our mass immunization plans. The clinics will be held at Kenston Middle School and Cardinal High School.

The nursing division has had requests for vaccine that we currently don't carry. The Medical Director will be signing the protocols for the administration of those vaccines.

A. WIC

The Farmer's Market Nutrition Program begins this month. There are several new vendors this year.

The Middlefield clinic will be moving from the Christ Covenant Church to the United Methodist Church in October of this year.

B. Health Education

Peggy Herman has been attending the Lake-Geauga Tobacco Coalition meetings. She will be participating in the Compliance Check this year.

Ms. Herman is looking for a childhood education program, which focuses on childhood obesity. This program should teach the children how to make wise food choices.

VII. Variances

A. Auburn Bainbridge Exc./Paul Kovacs

Lewis Tomsic, Jr. and Paul Kovacs were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in and stated their experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Auburn Bainbridge Exc. in behalf of Paul Kovacs for the existing property located at 10191 Kirtland Rd., Chardon Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(C) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to more than 1 home on a lot. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Mrs. Burr moved to approve the variance as requested. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. Paul Ogint/John Fletcher

John Fletcher was present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Paul Ogint in behalf of John Fletcher for the existing property located at 14871 Longview Dr., Newbury Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Mr. Fletcher acknowledged that he was aware that if sanitary sewers were installed in this area, he must connect.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance with the addition that at much leach trench as practical be installed after the sample well. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

C. Colin Cooper/Diana & Thomas Colucci

Diana and Thomas Colucci were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Colin Cooper in behalf of Diana and Thomas Colucci for the existing property located at 9825 Music St., Newbury Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

D. Tom Steigerwald/V. Dorain Whiting

Neither Tom Steigerwald nor Dorain Whiting were present. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Tom Steigerwald in behalf of V. Dorain Whiting for the existing property located at 8464 Whiting Dr., Chester Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System

Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

E. Good Earth Exc./David Kocis

David Kocis was present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Good Earth Exc. in behalf of David Kocis for the vacant property located at 11680 Clark Rd., Chardon Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Mr. Benenati moved to approve the variance with the change of the size of the sand filters to 42 square feet each. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

F. ICS Construction/Dennis Lequyea

Frank Slapnicker of ICS Construction and June Lequyea were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Lang swore in Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by ICS Construction in behalf of Dennis Lequyea for the existing property located at 11040 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

G. Jerome Dulay

Jerome and Denise Dulay, Eric Payne and Jim Fincham were present and sworn in. Mr. Lang swore in Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Jerome Dulay for the existing property located at 12375 Wilshire Ln., Munson Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VIII. Administrative Hearings

A. Mr. & Mrs. Owen Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Miller were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Miller located at 15617 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp. The case involves the following sections of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations:

Section 3701-29-02(D) states: "No household sewage disposal system or part thereof shall create a nuisance."

Section 3701-29-02(F) states: "No person shall discharge, or permit to be discharged, treated or untreated sewage... or offensive wastes onto the surface of the ground, into any street, road, alley, open excavation, or underground drain."

Section 3701-29-02(G)(3) states: "Sewage effluent quality as measured at the point of discharge in the system shall comply with current effluent standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

In the event there are no applicable standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the following Standards apply:

- (a) Biochemical oxygen demand (five day)- the arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed twenty milligrams per liter.
- (b) Suspended solids- the arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed forty milligrams per liter."

A For Sale of Property evaluation was conducted at this site. The code violation is based on the fact that the sewage effluent test results exceed the current discharge standards.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Miller located at 15617 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owner be required to make application and obtain a sewage permit and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. David Faroo

David Faroo was not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the property owned by David Faroo located at 18080 Kenston Lake Dr., Bainbridge Twp. The case involves the following sections of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations:

Section 3701-29-02(D) states: "No household sewage disposal system or part thereof shall create a nuisance."

Section 3701-29-02(F) states: "No person shall discharge, or permit to be discharged, treated or untreated sewage... or offensive wastes onto the surface of the ground, into any street, road, alley, open excavation, or underground drain."

Section 3701-29-02(G)(3) states: "Sewage effluent quality as measured at the point of discharge in the system shall comply with current effluent standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

In the event there are no applicable standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the following Standards apply:

- (c) Biochemical oxygen demand (five day)- the arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed twenty milligrams per liter.
- (d) Suspended solids- the arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed forty milligrams per liter."

A For Sale of Property evaluation was conducted at this site. The code violation is based on the fact that the sewage effluent test results exceed the current discharge standards.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by David Faroo located at 18080 Kenston Lake Dr., Bainbridge Twp. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owner be required to make application and obtain a sewage permit and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's evaluation and pending litigation. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 11:12 p.m. Mr. Lang stated that no action resulted from the Executive Session discussion at this time.

XI. New Business

Dan Mix showed the Board a demo of Digital Health Department software which is developed by Garrison Enterprises. This software is a web-based application that is totally customizable. It provides the option for all inspectors to take a tablet into the field and record the results of their findings. They then can bring it back to the office, plug it in, and the

database will be instantly updated. Since the software is web-based, it would allow us the option to allow access to the public for certain records.

The Board indicated that they would like to see a timeline of the implementation of the program. They also want to know if the program would definitely work in conjunction with the county GIS program.

Dr. Bowers moved 6.06-1 to approve the contract and purchase from Garrison Enterprises for the Digital Health Department program, pending prosecutor's approval. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 6.06-2 to appropriate funds in the amount of \$61,000.00 for the purchase and contract for Digital Health Department. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 6.06-3 to approve the 2nd quarter reimbursements of the grants to BOH as follows: WIC, \$37,631.40; CFHS, \$15,014.25; PHI, \$19,769.61; and IAP, \$8,595.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 6.06-4 to approve the contract with ODH to provide Public Health Nurse consulting services in the Health Me Grow program, pending prosecutor's approval. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 6.06-5 to approve the GY2007 PHI initial budget, pending Notice of Award. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 6.06-6 to approve the addition of the following vaccines for administration to children and adults, pending written protocols from the Medical Director: TwinRix Combined HepA and HepB vaccine; Varicella vaccine for adults; Adacel combined Td and Pertussis vaccine for adults; Menactra vaccine for adolescents not eligible for VFC vaccine from the state; and Hepatitis A vaccine (VAQTA or Havrix) for children over 12 months not eligible for VFC vaccine from the state. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Dr. Bowers stated that he would like to see the written protocols for the new vaccines from the Medical Director by the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Burr moved 6.06-7 to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Red Cross to share volunteers and staffing for shelters. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

A special sewage meeting will be held in July. The date will be announced at a later date.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 a.m. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, RS, MA, MPH
Secretary of the Board

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