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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 15, 2022
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
PLACE: Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room

1. **Roll Call:** 3:30 PM: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian
Excused: M. Green, J. Runnells
Also Present: Shawne Johnson, Public Health Manager (Note taker)
2. **Introduction Of Guests:** Megan Mermal, Public Health Specialist, Nicole Heling, Drug Free Community Grant Co-Coordinator, Cathy Trecek, Public Health Nurse
3. **Approval of Minutes:** M. Mohiuddin motioned to approve the January 18, 2022 draft minutes, seconded by P. Kroll.
Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin
Nays: None
R. Barbian and T. Slota abstained as they were not present during the 1/18/22 meeting.
Motion to approve: Carried
4. **Citizen Comments:**
Colleen Fechtmeyer, 5921 Currant Lane, thanked the Greendale Health Department (GHD) for the work they did during the COVID-19 pandemic. She said GHD was well organized and residents were able to easily schedule vaccine appointments or ask questions by telephoning the GHD. She said she had contacted some other health departments for family members living outside of Greendale and she was unable to reach staff members at those health departments by phone.

Elaine Unger, 4815 Sutton Lane, welcomed the new GHD staff members. She said she looked forward to working with the new mental health committee and she came to the meeting today to listen to the agenda item discussion about a possible change in the BOH meeting day and time as some residents find the current time inconvenient.
5. **Standing Reports:**
 - a. **Medical Advisor Report:** A. Siddiqui emailed the following updates: He reported seeing fewer positive and less severe COVID cases, but still has a good number of “long haulers”



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with some of them being healthy and younger in age. He has noticed “pandemic fatigue” in both patients and health care personnel. He said he believes vaccinations are still the best way to reduce the number of cases. However, he finds it extremely difficult to convince some people to get vaccinated, as there is misinformation being promoted on some social media sites. He said he believes community health education should continue to be a priority.

- b. **Health Officer Report:** All BOH members received a copy of the December BOH report.
 - A. Haas reported on the following report highlights:
 - i. All GHD positions are now filled! We have four wonderful new staff members in the positions. The four positions are each .5 FTE.
 - ii. For approximately 2.5 weeks in January, the GHD was without their regular phones as AT&T said a line was down, which impacted the building. Staff used their own cell phones to contact residents and receive calls. New phones will be coming to all the departments in the Greendale Community Learning Center: Library, Park and Recreation, and Health Department.
- c. **Community Health (CHIP) Workgroup Reports**
 - i. **SAGE:** S. Johnson shared that the workgroup was partnering with the Greendale Fire Department to hold a July health fair for older adults; The workgroup hopes to restart the Greendale Memory Café in March or April; GHD was 1 of 4 health departments in the U.S. selected to work with the National Alzheimer’s Association and the National Association of City and County Health Organizations on a dementia prevention project.
 - ii. **Step Up:** M. Mermal shared that this workgroup now includes activities related to nutrition and physical activity. The community garden will have a sign up in March and in previous years excess produce has been donated to the Senior Social Club. Physical activity events will be coming up once warm weather arrives.
 - iii. **Community Alliance:** N. Heling shared that this coalition sponsored a 2/11/22 event at Martin Luther High School with a speaker on the topic of anxiety and social media. 600 students attended that event! Staff participated in a Whitnall High School event and talked with 8th graders about getting involved with Community Alliance—22 signed up! Staff working to finalize plans for a 3/3/22 event at Greendale Middle School with Philip Chard speaking on anxiety and stress. There will be 8th graders presenting posters on a variety of mental health topics and organizations related to positive mental health activities. M. Mohiuddin said young children are curious and want to talk with parents about



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important topics such as those covered by this coalition. Community Alliance has promoted the Small Talks campaign as this highlights the importance of these small conversations with children.

- iv. **Mental Health/Resiliency:** M. Mermal shared that this is a new committee and she has scheduled a 3/11/2022 meeting with individuals who indicated they had an interest in this topic. Some of the initial committee work will include creating a vision, mission, and strategic plan. This committee will work primarily on mental health prevention activities as it is not a committee working to provide clinical services. R. Barbian asked what would be the major goal of this committee—M. Mermal shared one of the major goals will be to promote wellbeing and share available resources. M. Muddassir said he would find it helpful to have a presentation on stress management/time management/how to be more efficient. T. Slota asked if other nearby communities had a similar workgroup and it was mentioned that Greenfield, West Allis, and Washington/Ozaukee County have similar workgroups.

d. Trustee Report: R. Barbian shared the following items:

- i. Voting for school board members is taking place today.
- ii. 85th Village Community Celebration: Village Trustees will discuss creating a Village-sanctioned committee at tonight's Trustee meeting. If that passes, a next step would be to create a committee and identify community volunteers to help with planning the celebration.
- iii. On 2/26 there will be a barbecue event sponsored by the Public Celebrations Committee and professional grillers from across the U.S.
- iv. The Trustees will discuss and vote on updating some roads in Greendale.
- v. Village of Greendale volunteer celebration was postponed due to COVID but the event is still being planned. BOH members will be invited so please attend!
- vi. Southridge mall development is still in the works. The development will include retail, apartments, and hopefully some type of medical development. TIFF money will be used to support this development as that type of funding is needed for community investments. The Barrett Lo Visionary Developer is the same one who is developing the Couture tower in downtown Milwaukee.
- vii. New canine: Nova, the GPD dog has retired and so there is a fundraiser for a new dog.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

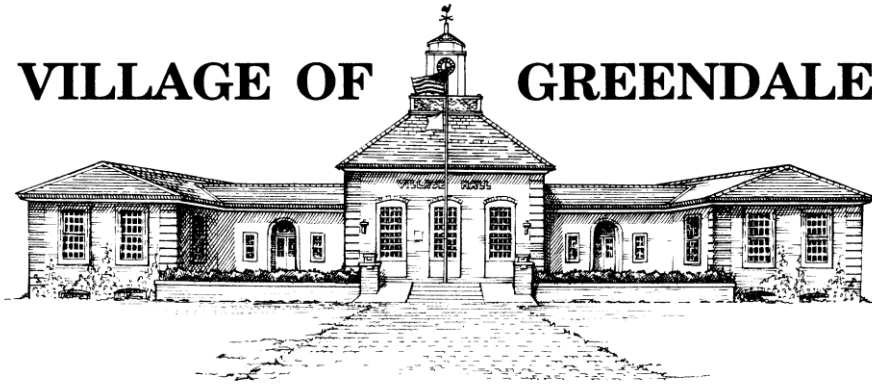
- a. Discussion on BOH meeting day and time: The BOH bylaws require the BOH to hold a minimum of quarterly meetings. Our BOH currently schedules 10 meetings/year, with July



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and December months off. Other Village boards meet monthly but have the ability to cancel the meeting if it is not needed.

A. Haas made a motion to keep the BOH meeting date and time the same for the next 3 months and then to re-evaluate after the May meeting. M. Mohiuddin seconded the motion.

Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian

Nays: None

Motion to approve: Carried

- b. Discussion on Health Misinformation: M. Mohiuddin shared 3 documents which included information about health misinformation. Sometimes health misinformation is spread purposefully to serve a malicious purpose while other times the purpose is not to misinform; it is to raise a concern or seek an answer to a confusing topic.

M. Mohiuddin made a motion that health care misinformation is a public health crisis. K. Krueger seconded the motion.

Ayes: M. Mohiuddin, K. Krueger, T. Slota

Nays: A. Haas, R. Barbian, P. Kroll

Motion to approve: Not carried

Discussion followed: Is there anything on the GHD's website currently about health misinformation? This is a very broad topic and may be difficult to sustain as every person's interpretation may be different. Who decides what is health misinformation? It was recommended to make a more specific motion. Could we "take a stance" on this topic and acknowledge health misinformation is happening? The BOH makes decisions based on peer-reviewed journal articles, not anecdotal reports. Sharing tools with residents on how they can evaluate information on social media would be helpful.

A. Haas made a motion to have a small BOH sub-committee create a more specific statement about strategies to confront health misinformation and plan to review it at the March BOH meeting. R. Barbian seconded the motion.

Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian

Nays: None

Motion to approve: Carried



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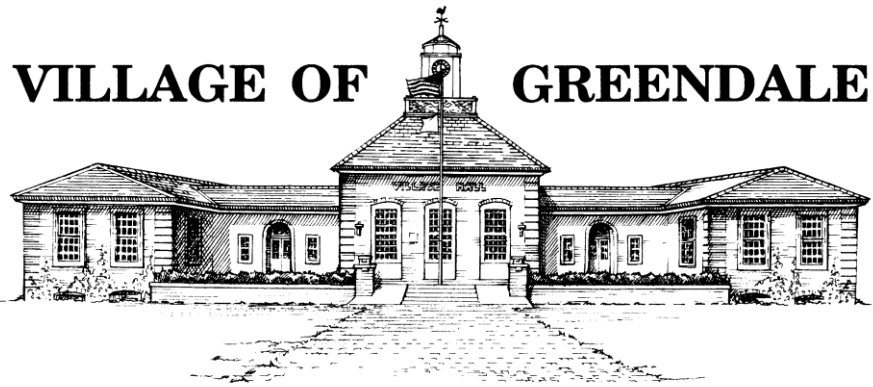
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- c. A. Haas made a motion to table the CHA update agenda item due to time constraints. R. Barbian seconded the motion.
Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian
Nays: None
Motion to approve: Carried
- d. COVID Update: S. Johnson shared the following:
- i. 1800 N-95 masks were distributed last week by the GHD in collaboration with the Greendale Library, Greendale Village and Police Departments, and the Lion's Club! Many community volunteers helped with the distribution process.
 - ii. The Moderna vaccine was FDA approved for adults 18 years of age and older. The brand name is Spikevax.
 - iii. Greendale COVID case numbers continue to fall, similar to other U.S. communities.
 - iv. Greendale COVID vaccine numbers: 83% of adults are fully vaccinated and 53% have received a booster dose. 56% of 5-17 year olds are fully vaccinated.
 - v. GHD goal is to inform/educate residents about COVID-19, including protective measures like masks, vaccines, treatments, quarantine and isolation. However, individuals themselves need to weigh the risks and benefits of protective measures. Protective measures definitely reduce serious COVID illness and death among elderly, immunocompromised, and unvaccinated individuals. Some protective measures also lead to challenges as isolation can be difficult mentally for many people, including youth and older adults. Balancing the risks and benefits is challenging.
 - vi. COVID booster clinic offered at GHD this Friday morning.
- e. Rabies Update: C. Trecek attended a statewide conference and shared that rabies is caused by a virus and death is imminent if infected. GHD and GPD follow state statutes related to rabies follow up. Ferret/dog/cat bites: the biting animal must be quarantined for 10 days. If the animal is unvaccinated, the animal quarantine takes place at a veterinarian office or the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control office. If the animal is vaccinated, the quarantine can take place at the animal owner's home. A dog/wolf mix animal is considered unvaccinated as the rabies vaccine is not approved for wolves. Skunks often carry rabies and if an unvaccinated cat or dog gets into a fight with a skunk, the recommendation is to euthanize the animal if unable to catch the skunk. If the dog/cat owner catches the skunk, the skunk can be evaluated for rabies by the State Lab of Hygiene.



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3. **COMPLETED BUSINESS REVIEW:** None
4. **Citizen Comments:** None
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** A. Haas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by P. Kroll.

Ayes: Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian

Nays: None

Motion to approve: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. Next meeting: March 15, 2022, at 3:30 PM in the Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room. ***Please notify Ashley Haas, Greendale Health Officer or Theresa Rypel @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: trypel@greendale.org***