

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD,
STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

Attending in person were:

Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair
Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member
Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., Member

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager
Connie Freese, REHS, General Services Manager

Attending via remote teleconference was Mayor Bill Duncan, President.

Excused absent were Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair; Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member; and Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner.

Dr. Coyne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Coyne asked that the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting be reviewed. Dr. Hardy mentioned that she does not recall seconding the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting, given that she was not a board member at that time. The minutes were edited to reflect a second from Mrs. Scott. With that change, Dr. Coyne asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Maimon and seconded by Dr. Hardy. Upon viva voce vote, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director: Connie Freese, REHS, General Services Manager with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County commented on the following:

- Proposed 2024 Health Inspection/Permit Fees: Ms. Freese reviewed the process by which the 2024 license and permit fees were calculated, and the process by which they are adopted.
- 2022-2023 Influenza Report: Mr. Klopsch noted that the discussion on the influenza report will be moved to September 26 meeting agenda.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch commented on the following items:

- Five Points Intersection: Mr. Klopsch provided an overview of a potential roundabout at the Five Points intersection and presented a video showing bird's-eye and driver views of vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow at various times of the week. He explained that a traffic signal study that began last year identified that a roundabout intersection design was worth studying given the vehicle and pedestrian movements, volumes, and land ownership. The main purpose of this potential project is to slow down vehicles and improve safety at the intersection. Roundabouts have proven to slow down traffic and therefore reduce the number of serious injury crashes. Mr. Klopsch shared that the engineering is sound for the construction of a roundabout at Five Points. The public feedback about the roundabout has been mixed. Mr. Klopsch read a citizen's comment form that was received today that is in favor of the roundabout, but added that there have been a number of comment forms opposing the roundabout. With any new traffic changes, there will be a learning curve before motorists understand how to navigate it. This is particularly true for roundabouts. Construction would likely not take place for several years, which would give people time to get comfortable with the idea of a roundabout.

Dr. Coyne asked how the new roundabout on Mad River Road is working out.

Mr. Klopsch said that he has only heard positive things about the roundabout at the intersection of Mad River and Alex Bell in Washington Township. He also noted that Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner, P.E., P.S., and Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Brian Martin are in favor of building a roundabout at the Five Points intersection.

There was a brief discussion on the potential construction timeline, the movement of emergency vehicles, and communication with the immediate neighbors around the Five Points intersection.

- Planning, Zoning, and Property Maintenance: On June 19, Ethan Kroger was promoted to Planning & Zoning Manager. He previously held the position of Code Enforcement Officer.
- November Board Meeting: The November 28 meeting is rescheduled to November 21 due to a meeting conflict with the Budget Review Committee.
- Water Line Breaks: There have been four water line breaks on Far Hills Avenue in the past few weeks, all of which have been successfully repaired. All of the health and safety protocols prescribed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency were followed. The city tracks water line breaks annually and is not seeing an uptick in occurrences.
- Gardner Pool: Gardner Pool has had a wonderful season thus far. There has only been one medic call dispatched to the pool this season and it was for a minor incident.

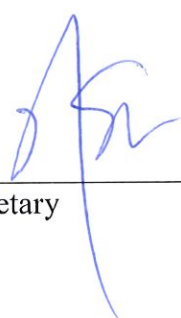
Mayor Duncan asked if there was an update on the infant fatality that was mentioned at the May 23 meeting.

Mr. Klopsch said that he is not aware of the autopsy results, but he will check and follow up with the information.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no other business, at 6:24 p.m. Dr. Coyne adjourned the meeting.


Secretary


Chair


Commissioner of Health