Sprincdale Board of Health  
April 11, 2019

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Board of Health Members
Present: Scott Garrison, Lynn Jones, Dr. Ketring, James Squires
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor (came after meeting adjourned)
Mrs. Rita Hart was absent.

Others Present
Mayor Webster; Holly Emerson, Council representative to the Board of Health
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Amy Ellis, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Board of Health Meeting—
Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mrs. Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting as written; Mr. Squires seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with a 3-0 vote.

City Council Report
Mr. Squires had questions regarding the status of purchasing a chipper. Mrs. Emerson stated that the chipper purchase was voted down by a 3-3 vote. While Mayor Webster and Mrs. Emerson confirmed that while it was already in the budget to purchase the chipper; given the need to keep costs down, it was decided to finance the chipper and bring that before Council. Mayor Webster stated that legislation would be brought forth pending the outcome of the Springdale 0.5% tax increase request which is on the ballot for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 and at that point the entire amount would be requested to purchase the chipper instead of financing it over several years. The legislation would be brought forth at the May 15, 2019 meeting. Mr. Squires also had a question regarding the status of Ordinance No. 8-2019 and Ordinance No. 9-2019 as well as what zoning change was being requested. Red Dog Day Care was looking to have a dog day care facility located in the old Staples building and a self-storage facility in the old Overstock location. The zoning change has been delayed due to the square footage of the sign that they are requesting. The sign size that they are requesting is much larger than is allowable. They are still meeting to come to an agreement on the size of the sign, before the other items can be approved.
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Mrs. Emerson gave the City Council Report

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Ordinance No. 8-2019
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12000 AND 12050 PRINCETON PIKE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Ordinance No. 9-2019
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12000 AND 12050 PRINCETON PIKE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Both ordinances were continued until the April 17, 2019 Council meeting.

Resolution No. R4-2019
APPOINTING JEFFREY ANDERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Resolution No. R5-2019
APPOINTING THOMAS VANOVER AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Mrs. Emerson stated that along the Route 4 Corridor, as part of the CRZ, the City is required to create a Housing Council to oversee the program. The Ohio Revised code (ORC) states that the purpose of the housing council is to make an annual inspection of the properties within the CRZ for which exemptions have been made. The Council will also hear appeals. The Housing Council will meet once a year.

April 3, 2019

Resolution No. R6-2019
APPOINTING __________ AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

This was tabled because Mrs. Emerson and Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup were not able to attend the meeting. There was also a Proclamation for the Health Department letting everyone know that April 1st through April 7th, 2019 is National Public Health Week. Mr. Clayton spoke some words of gratitude for the proclamation at the Springdale City Council meeting.

Old Business  -  None

New Business  -  None
Health Commissioner’s Report

Matt Clayton

Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses - Mr. Clayton provided a summary of complaints since the last meeting; individual complaints were included in the Board of Health packet. Mr. Clayton discussed:

Complaint # 230
Four year old child bitten by a dog (bull terrier). Dog was apparently a service dog and several children had pet the dog, then the dog bit the child after putting his face near the dog’s face. Questions arose after it was noted that there was apparently a video of the event. Dr. Ketrion asked about pit bull ordinance. Is it still on the books? Mayor Webster recommended that Mr. Clayton check with the Springdale Police Department regarding vicious dog ordinance.

Complaint # 231
Bitten by cat. By the time Springdale Health Department heard of the situation and further investigated, it was discovered that the owner took the cat to the SPCA and the cat had already been processed and put up for adoption at the SPCA. The Springdale Health Department then contacted the SPCA and told them of the situation regarding the cat. The SPCA put the cat under quarantine for the remaining time that was required.

Complaint # 232
Bitten by dog.

Complaint # 2231
Roaches and mold in apartment. Pest control operator was treating apartment during inspection. Window water well issue was also corrected.

Complaint # 2238
Wet carpeting – water heater leaking. There was a mold odor. Mr. Clayton went outside to further investigate thinking perhaps a dislocated downspout. He located a stair well which, upon further investigation, discovered that there was four feet of water in an area that previously was a laundry room. The drain had backed up and water was there for an undetermined period of time. Roto Rooter unclogged the drain and removed the water. Repair of water heater was also completed.

Complaint # 2243
Hole in ceiling in living room. A constant problem with leaks from ceiling. Previous leaks were from a dishwasher, hot water heater. An air conditioner leaking condensation was the most recent. Items have once again been repaired.

Discussion continued regarding recent issues at The Willows regarding gas line issues and lack of hot water to some of the buildings.

Complaint # 2245
Sewage issues. Roto Rooter came out and ran an auger to clear the line which then became stuck. After further efforts, line was cleared and cleanup occurred within a few days.
2019 Spring Sports Camp
The first day of the camp saw 166 children in attendance. By the day of the Family Celebration, over 250 people from the community came in to participate in the event and over 100 volunteers, most of them being from Vineyard Cincinnati Church. Each day saw children receiving breakfast and lunch and on the last day 288 soccer balls were handed out, along with Springdale Health Department Frisbees. A food drive for over 200 families was also part of the event. Humana supplied a $2,500 donation, Target supplied a $500 gift card, a $1,000 grant was awarded by the Walmart Foundation, and Kroger donated 5,000 bottles of water, 2,000 cans of pop, and 30 gallons of ice cream. Also received donations from Smithfield Foods who brought their hot dog truck. Chili’s Springdale donated 200 “Kids Eat Free” coupons and Chick-fil-A gave 500 “Be Our Guest” cards. The Springdale Parks and Recreation Department, the Springdale Police Department, the Springdale Fire Department, the Southwest Ohio Latino Coalition, The Healing Center from Vineyard Cincinnati Church, and Higher Ground Ministries also participated in the events.

Public Health Accreditation (PHAB)
Progress continues. Information has been sent out to several schools looking for summer interns for the Mosquito Control Program as well as the PHAB Program. The Springdale Health Department has until September 7, 2019 to turn in all documentation.

Springdale Hotel/Motel Committee
Last meeting was February 12, 2019. Next meeting is May 13, 2019. Executive Director of the Sharonville Convention Center will be discussion regional tourism data and some of the upcoming programs at the convention center. Bahama Breeze restaurant has been torn down making way for the construction of the Home 2 Suites hotel. The hotel is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2020. Remodels continue on some of the hotels located in Springdale. There was a televised segment with Mr. Clayton and Dan Monk regarding the Springdale Hotel/Motel Committee. Mayor Webster suggested sending the link for the article to the Board of Health members. Mayor Webster stated that the article does a nice job of stating that Springdale is an innovator in being proactive in improving health and safety at the local hotels while assisting local hotel operators in their efforts to increase profitability.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program
Net yield for 2018 was over $37,100. That is an increase from the 2017 yield. Mr. Clayton stated he anticipates that 2019 will be on par with 2018. He further stated SHD will continue to participate in the ODH MAC Program in future years.

Food Program
Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) food survey was conducted. There were three action items from the audit, fewer than the average. Mr. Clayton stated he personally believes the Department of Agriculture audit program to be the most thorough audit process between ODA, ODH, and the Ohio EPA. A response was given by the Springdale Health Department for each action item identified by ODA. Mr. Clayton stated that ODA had accepted the action items and provided documentation in the form of an email acknowledgement from ODA to the BOH. Mr. Clayton noted that this was an improvement over the 2014 ODA audit. Serv Safe class was provided on March 19th and March 20th. Eleven individuals received their Level 2 training. Mi Tierra is now open as well as the bakery that opened on Northland
Boulevard. Mr. Clayton stated that he has been working with Family Dollar to resolve health violations of ORC 3717-1- (6.4, 4.4, and 4.5) at their facility. Mr. Clayton advised he had a meeting scheduled with the Regional Manager at the Family Dollar location on April 12, 2019.

**Produce Pop Ups**
Mr. Clayton advised the most recent produce pop up was held at the Heritage Hill Elementary School on March 15, 2019. The January and February events were successful. The next Produce Pop Up is scheduled for April 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Hill Elementary School lunchroom. Princeton City Schools has agreed to host the Produce Pop Ups over the summer as well.

**Ohio EPA 2019 Mosquito Control Grant**
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded the Springdale Health Department the Mosquito Control Grant, with an award of over $20,000. Mr. Clayton has been working with the local universities and colleges to recruit summer interns to work on the MCG grant program.

**Public Transportation Initiative**
Mayor Webster, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Zimmerlin, and Christine Russell joined Mr. Clayton in meeting with four representatives of SORTA on March 27, 2019 at the Springdale Municipal building to discuss the public transportation needs of the community. Another meeting will be held in the coming weeks to follow up on this conversation.

**Proclamation for Public Health Week**
Mayor Webster presented Mr. Clayton with a proclamation stating that the week of April 1-7, 2019 through April 7, 2019 as National Public Health Week.

**Public Health Training**
Public Health Training will be held on April 24th through April 25th, 2019 at the Springdale Community Center.

**ODH Swimming Pool/Spa Annual Audit**
The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) conducted the audit on March 22, 2019. It was noted in the report that the Springdale Health Department was in “Substantial Compliance”. Mr. Clayton stated that he was very pleased with the successful audits for the pool program over the last several years. He recognized Ella Jergens of SHD for leading this program successfully and stated he looks forward to another successful pool and spa program over the summer of 2019.

**Public Health Nurse’s Report**

**Hamilton County Public Health Communicable Disease Monthly Report**
Nurse Ellis handed out the information for the Communicable Disease Report that evening because the report was not completed until after the packets were distributed. Nurse Ellis explained that on Page One, Table 2 lists the Cases of Notifiable Diseases in Southwest Ohio for March 2019. Gonorrhea and Chlamydia are not listed on this report, however. While Hamilton County has had 17 reported cases of Hepatitis A, Springdale has had zero. The flu is still circulating. There was a health alert that went out to tell more about the flu. The City of Springdale had five hospitalized cases compared to 231 in Hamilton
County. Syphilis is on the rise with 38 cases in Hamilton County and one case in Springdale. Tuberculosis had one new case in Hamilton County while Springdale had zero.

**Hepatitis A**

Nurse Ellis stated last month that she would be trying to get Hepatitis A vaccine for high-risk groups. Nurse Ellis checked with the Ohio Department of Health. All that was required was to sign a provider agreement with Dr. Webb which is similar to what the Springdale Health Department does when requesting vaccines for children. It simply states that the Springdale Health Department agrees to keep the vaccines at the correct temperature, and give the vaccine to the high-risk individuals. The Springdale Health Department currently has 20 doses available. Dr. Ketring asked what individuals would be considered “high-risk”. Nurse Ellis stated that individuals that are homeless, incarcerated or recently incarcerated, men who have sex with other men, and any type of drug user are considered in the “high-risk” group. In the past, ODH had been more restrictive regarding dispersing of the vaccine, but due to the increase in cases, ODH has relaxed the restrictions somewhat and is allowing the health departments to use their own discretion in distribution. This vaccine is only for individuals who do not have insurance, or any means to pay for the vaccine, but ODH has also relaxed some restrictions on that as well and asking local health departments to use their own discretion on that as well. Discussion occurred as to how the Springdale Health Department would be able to help high-risk individuals. Nurse Ellis stated that an ongoing discussion currently with Mr. Clayton, but the vaccine is not restricted to only Springdale residents. Mr. Clayton is hopeful that community partners will be able to assist in recognizing these high-risk individuals. Since the Hepatitis A vaccine is a two-shot dose, Mrs. Emerson asked what the chances are of giving these individual a second shot. Nurse Ellis stated that while the chances of the individuals returning for a second shot were slim, the first shot has 97% effectiveness. While the second shot will help ensure longer term immunity (normally seven years), the good news is that if the individual only receives the first shot, at least it will have 97% effectiveness.

**Syphilis**

At the last Board of Health meeting, there was discussion about the Declaration of a Syphilis Epidemic that was declared in 2012. One day after the Springdale Board of Health meeting, Hamilton County Public Health Department (HCPHD) came out with a re-declaration in 2019 of the syphilis epidemic. HCPHD asked local health departments to push this information out to our health partners. Nurse Ellis passed this information forward to local Springdale primary care providers, OB/GYN’s, Urgent Care.

**TB Update**

No new cases have been reported. Nurse Ellis did go with Hamilton County to provide the second round of TB testing at the employer of one of the active cases from January. It was not well attended because, unfortunately, the employer is closing its doors and many people have left or relocated. Nurse Ellis estimates that about 20 people were tested. Hamilton County is contacting everyone that still needs to be tested. Springdale Health Department is giving an additional location to be tested because many individuals live in the Springdale/Sharonville area and simply cannot get all the way downtown to the Hamilton County Public Health Department. Nurse Ellis stated that she has 100 doses of TB serum. For the next six weeks, the Springdale Health Department is offering walk-in TB testing from 9:00 a.m. until noon and on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. until noon to get those results read. Other than that, it would be by appointment only and they would need to contact Nurse Ellis in order to schedule a time. Mr. Garrison asked how many individuals worked in the plant in question that would encourage the HCPHD
to give the Springdale Health Department 100 doses? The case in question was linked to a multi-drug-resistant case located in Butler County. The individual lived in Butler County, but worked in Hamilton County. Hamilton County was looking at individuals that were currently working with the individual in question, but also went back to any other individuals that may have worked there and left as well. Those working next to the individual were considered “high risk”. Those individuals that he may have passed casually were medium risk. We assisted Hamilton County during the second round of testing, and 20 people received TB tests. There was several hundred people that Hamilton County wanted to contact and maybe not recommend testing to, but to find out if they were having any symptoms. CDC recommended that, since this was a case of multi-drug-resistant TB, CDC wants Hamilton County to follow up with people in two years. The employer was actually located in Sharonville on Hauck Road.

**E. coli 0103** -
There currently is a multi-state outbreak and the source has not been discovered as of yet. There has been 96 cases (mostly in Kentucky, but some in Ohio). As it turns out one of our residents is linked to this outbreak. The resident did the Pulsed-field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) which is DNA fingerprinting.

**REDI Meeting** –
On April 2nd, Nurse Ellis listened to a conference call which was the quarterly REDI meeting. REDI stands for Regional Epi Disease Investigation Meeting. All the Southwest Ohio region epidemiologist, disease investigation, communicable disease follow-up people get together and talk about what they have seen and what’s going on in the region. Outbreaks in the region include Hepatitis A, syphilis, the area has had several pertussis outbreaks among schools. MRSA, which was kind of interesting, as Nurse Ellis shared with Mrs. Ella Jergens, City of Springdale Environmental Health Director, and Hamilton County touched on that. They had a MRSA outbreak at a local pool and it was only among the lifeguards. What it was tracked to was that there was not proper cleaning of the buoys in the lifeguard chairs, which was the vector where it was being spread. Ohio Department of Health (ODH) gave recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting to help with that. As soon as Nurse Ellis gave the information to Mrs. Jergens, she immediately notified the indoor pool facilities located in the City of Springdale.

**Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report** –
There was a decrease in unintentional overdose deaths in 2018. This report was from January to December 2017 versus January to December 2018. In 2017 there was 444, and in 2018 there was 347. That is always good news to see that go down. Luckily in March, the Springdale Fire Department used zero doses of Narcan or Naloxone.

**Spring Sports Camp** -
Was very successful. Was the first camp for Nurse Ellis. Nurse Ellis wanted to say thank you for Mrs. Lynn Jones for helping her on several of the days of the camp. Only minor things brought children to see them.

**Children’s Health Fair** –
It is coming up on Friday, May 3, 2019. It is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be 23 learning centers.
Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio (LCSWO)
Latino Expo set a tentative date for October 6, 2019. They are looking for a new venue. It has always at the Vineyard Church.

Board of Health Discussion
No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The May 9, 2019 meeting will be the last meeting before summer break. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner