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### **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 14, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Community Learning Center-Lower Level  
5650 Parking Street

**ROLL CALL:** 6:06 PM, C. Genz, M. Green, A. Norton, S. Johnson, S. Sheppard, J. Runnels, K. Krueger  
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1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Samantha Norton, 10<sup>th</sup> grade daughter of Angie Norton
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** C. Genz motioned to approve June 12, 2018 draft minutes, seconded by M. Green.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** None
5. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **Medical Advisor Report:** Dr. Lubing has retired from Froedtert clinic and as Medical Advisor of Greendale Health Department.-see new business
  - b. **Trustee Report:** Trustee Genz reported that construction is going smoothly at the old Sears building. Dicks Sporting Good is tentatively scheduled to open in fall 2018. Dillard's Department Store has shown an interest in buying the Southridge Boston Store site. Distribution of the new recycling carts has begun in Greendale. Village Days activities went well this past weekend.
  - c. **Health Officer Report:** S. Sheppard, Health Officer:
    - i. Reviewed the July 2018 Board of Health Report.
    - ii. S. Sheppard shared information on her research into health concerns related to non-ionizing radiation after Elaine Unger expressed health concerns during the June BOH meeting. In her role as the Health Officer, S. Sheppard must use research approved by government agencies, such as the CDC, FDA, Academy of Pediatrics, and FCC. S. Sheppard also contacted WI Southeast Region Health Officers to learn if any other health departments had been approached by their residents with health concerns related to non-ionizing radiation. Sue said the Green Bay Health Department was the only department that had been approached about the topic of cell towers but it was related to concerns about a decline in property values rather than health concerns. S. Sheppard contacted a State of WI physicist who specifically deals with radiation issues. S. Sheppard was told there was currently not expert consensus that non-ionizing radiation caused health concerns. However, research into possible health concerns continues, as this is a new area of research. S. Sheppard and S. Johnson met with Elaine Unger, Kevin Svoboda, and Todd Michaels to discuss this topic. Elaine and Kevin recommended that an article on the topic be written for the health department's website and the Village Views. Elaine shared additional articles during the meeting and via email after the meeting. S. Johnson wrote up a draft document for the health department website, which was shared at tonight's BOH meeting. The document included precautionary recommendations for cell phone use that were listed on the Academy of Pediatrics website. S. Sheppard will share the draft document with Todd Michaels. Once approved, the final article will be uploaded onto the health department's



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website. We also will ask if a shorter version can be included in an upcoming Village Views newsletter.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Search for medical advisor replacement. Health Department and Board of Health are seeking a new medical advisor. S. Shepard and S. Johnson will be meeting this month with a Family Practice physician at Greendale Froedtert Health Clinic, Ali Siddiqui, MD, as he has expressed an interest in the position. Dr. Siddiqui is a Greendale resident with a family of three children.
- b. BOH member replacement: K. Krueger has accepted the position of BOH member. We are excited to have K. Krueger on our BOH as he will bring a unique perspective as a former flight nurse and paramedic trainer.

**7. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

- a. **Continued discussion on** electronic smoking devices and other tobacco products and role of Greendale BOH. S. Shepard asked if the BOH was interested in making a recommendation to update the Village of Greendale's workplace smoke-free policy. Eleven Wisconsin cities have included e-cigarettes in smoke-free air laws, including three in Milwaukee County: West Allis, South Milwaukee and Greenfield. S. Shepard will contact the Health Officers of those three communities to better understand the process used to making this change. S. Shepard has the recommended wording for this ordinance change and will present more information on the topic at next month's meeting. BOH members recommended providing educational information on the topic to the public and asking area businesses for their perspective.
- b. **The Greendale Girl Scouts** will present a report during the September BOH meeting on their audit of Greendale sidewalks and walking trails. The Girl Scouts collaborated with the SAGE committee and used the AARP walking audit tool.

**8. TABLED BUSINESS REVIEW:** None

**9. COMPLETED BUSINESS REVIEW:** Non-ionizing radiation discussion

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** **A. Norton** motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Genz. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. Next meeting: September 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Greendale Health Department, Lower Level, 5650 Parking Street, Greendale

***Please notify Sue Shepard, Greendale Health Officer or Theresa Rypel, Clerk @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: [trypel@greendale.org](mailto:trypel@greendale.org)***