

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES OF

MAY 17, 2012

Public hearing meeting of the Board of Health was held in the commissioner's courtroom on the 3rd floor of the Delaware County Building. Chairperson Judi Harris opened the public hearing 7:05pm other board members present were Ruth A. Reagan, RN and Joseph Russell. The public hearing offers all interested person the opportunity to commit on the proposed changes to the County Fee Ordinance of 2011. The proposed changes and recommendations; removal of the 6 month time limit for the Farmer's Market food establishment food permit category and the removal of the per market statement for the Farmer's Market food establishment food permit category. It is the desire and goal of the Board of Health to be fair to all and encourage good health and food being available to the citizens of Delaware County. Chairperson Harris invited those in attendances to approach the podium one at a time, sign-in and introduce themselves.

Marty Wooten stated he was here to encourage and support the adjustment to the code which would allow a one-time fee instead of a 6 months fee which would allow vendors to use time, energy and effort more effectively. Most vendors present will be at the Farmer's Market all year round. Board member J. Russell asked Mr. Wooten if he would be participating in the Yorktown Farmer's Market; Mr. Wooten said as his business grows he hopes to attend both markets but currently only permitted at Muncie.

Ron Orebaugh, vendor at both markets while trying to manage the Yorktown market. Mr. Orebaugh encouraged both recommendations for several reasons; one to streamline the office paperwork and fees to be paid at the beginning of the year simplifying the paperwork for both entities. Vendors were lost at both markets due to the price increase and the 6 month time limit. Mr. Orebaugh encouraged Board members to attend the markets more often.

Rob Keesling of Minnetrista, thanked the Board for their time at the last meeting so he could voice the concerns of the Farmer's Market. Mr. Keesling/Minnetrista strongly supports and appreciates the willingness of the Board to revisiting the 6 month limit and per market permitting. Due to the restructured fee ordinance, the Winter Market for 2011-2012 decreased the number of vendors from 20 to 12; which the public felt the impact of the loss of the 8 vendors.

Bill Abbott, vendor of eggs and poultry at Minnetrista. Mr. Abbott also supports the proposed changes, not only for his own benefit but also the publics. The price will be passed along to the customers and the change would help.

Board member J. Russell said his brother, who is a vendor at the Farmer's Market, supports the changes and J. Russell wanted to rely it to the Board.

Josh Williams, Administrators, read a written statement from Betty Brewer who is with Minnetrista who wasn't able to attend the meeting. Ms. Brewer writes; 2012 was the first year of significant changes to

the Board of Health's fee schedule and this has confused and alarmed many small farmers, meat producers, egg producers, bakers and assorted other small business owners that participate in the county's two farmer's markets. The fees were established without opportunity of public input and anything that can be done to ameliorate the negative impact on the small farmer/business owner will be welcomed this community. When the fee schedule was established, apparently the department and board was unaware Minnetrista had ran a winter market for 3 years; running on the 3rd Saturday of the month November thru April inside the center building. The Board is asking vendors to pay a fee for the weekly markets (May thru October) twice a week; June thru October a total of 25 to 47 days and then pay the same fee to cover 6 days which is completely unreasonable. Please allow the irrelative fees to cover the entire year. There are two farmer's markets in Delaware County; the Wednesday/Saturday market held at Minnetrista has been running for 12 years which is a well established market that draws nearly 50,000 vists in a year (yes that is correct 50,000). The Yorktown market was started several years ago and is open Friday evenings, many of the same vendors participate in both markets. It takes some time to establish and grow a market and if vendors have to pay double fees Ms. Brewer is afraid the Yorktown market will suffer. It would be unfair to market shoppers and send another negative message to regional farmers and market vendors; showing the Board of Health isn't supportive of farmer's markets and all they mean. The markets mean supporting local business and encourage a limited carbon footprint by buying local and healthy eating with fresh vegetables, dairy products, meats and bakes goods. I realize this may add a layer of service for the Health Department employees since they will need to inspect both markets, however, I believe this would be a very small sacrifice in exchange for the goodwill that would be engendered. Please support both farmers' markets in Delaware County by not doubling fees on our local farmers and small business owners. Signed by Betty Brewer.

J. Harris closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

The regular business meeting opened at 7:12pm by Chairperson Judi Harris; member present were Vice-Chairman Dr. J. Peterson, R. Reagan R.N. , and Joseph Russell; members absent Dr. Costello, P. Beatty

A motion was made and seconded to approve April 2012 minutes as written, motion carried.

Chairperson Harris discussed the recommendation of the removal of two statements in the county ordinance 2011-021 fee schedule; first being the removal of the 6 month time limit and second the "per market" language. Chairperson Harris asked for discussion; R. Reagan R.N. supports both changes. J. Williams clarified the current reading of the fee schedule and what the proposed suggestions would be; removing the language stated before which would automatically make the permit an annual permit based on a calendar year covering a vendor at any and all farmer's markets in Delaware County. J. Russell made a motion to remove the language of "6 month permit" and "per market" from Delaware County Fee Ordinance 2011-021 allowing the permit to become an annual permit; seconded by Dr. Peterson; motion carried. The request will be passed onto the Commissioners for their consideration.

Rachel Buckman, Tobacco Free Coalition, stated the department received \$5,000 from NALBOH Grant in 2010 which could be used for several reasons one being food. Rachel reminded the Board of the last years recognition reception which was held for all of the coalitions members and partners after the

passing of the Clean Indoor Air ordinance. The Coalition would like to recognize the same people once again this year asking for a donation of \$400.00 to cover the cost of a continental breakfast held at Ball State Alumni Center on August 22nd. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$400.00 from the NALBOH grant to assist with the cost of a recognition breakfast for members and partners of the Tobacco Free Coalition, motion carried.

J. Williams presented a request for monies from the Workforce Development Childhood Obesity state grant for quality improvement and strategic planning training. A strategic planning meeting has been planned for a Friday May 18th for all the staff to attend. The request for funds would cover the cost of lunch. Tamara White and Rachel Buckman will present a brainstorming sessions. The request is for \$350.00 including food and refreshment. J. Williams gave the balance of the grant as \$3,500. A motion was made by Dr. Peterson to appropriate \$350.00 from the Workforce Development Childhood Obesity grant to cover the cost of food and refreshments, seconded by R. Reagan R.N., motion carried.

J. Williams announced Nancy Larson was awarded The Friends of Gerontology Wellness Department from Ball State University for her work with Dr. Ellery developing a health improvement and wellness plan for county employees for the last year. N. Larson has continued efforts with her weekly articles in the StarPress title Wellness Wednesdays. Chairperson Harris asked J. Williams to pass onto N. Larson the Boards congratulations and how Chairperson Harris has enjoyed following the Wednesday articles.

J. Williams spoke on a grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation which was given to send Nancy Larson and Lisa Abner of the GIS department who serves on the Wellness committee with Nancy Larson. The grant gave both ladies on opportunity to attend training in Washington D.C. on a national level looking at wellness activities and weight initiative.

J. Harris announced the first session of the Strategic Planning meeting will be in June; she will email the dates to all the members.

J. Williams stated the Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and J. Russell reported the committee reviewed the budget but stated until the Council sends out guidance for the Department heads there was nothing to move on until further notice.

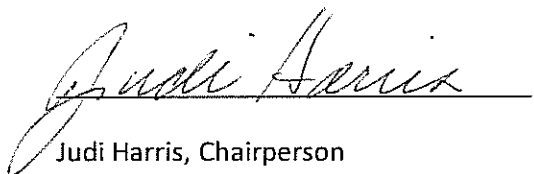
J. Williams presented an example of a petition which would satisfy the requirement of a purchase of \$3,000 or more; the petition would require 50 taxpayers of Delaware County. The process can be started because it is not specific to one property but to "a" lease so the petition process may start immediately and not delayed; Chairperson Harris asked for discussion. J. Harris asked if Dr. Wilkins would like the Board to move on this matter; Dr. Wilkins agreed for the Board's action. J. Russell made a motion to approve the use of the petition as presented, seconded by R. Reagan R.N.; motion carried.

J. Williams present proposals for financial ways to help facilitate the extra costs of the office space.

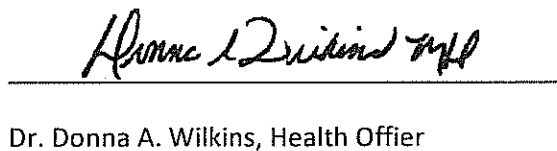
Dr. Wilkins spoke on the conference addressing prescribed drug addiction of expectant mothers and newborns. Dr. Wilkins is planning on traveling out to the state of Washington to Barbara Drenin's Pediatrics Interim Care Center where all addicted babies around Troy Washington are taken. The center

has an average census of 15 babies a day. The center allows the babies to leave the hospital, which saves medical costs because the average stay in the hospital is 30 days. Dr. Wilkins is looking to start a center here in Delaware County. Dr. Peterson spoke on alternative pain management for the mother's who are asked to stop taking prescribed pain medication. First offer the alternative pain management to persons without addiction and then introduce the program to addicted persons with the assistance of drug addiction counselors. Dr. Wilkins would like to incorporate the mothers and babies in the proposed center for Delaware County. Dr. Wilkins reported on her appointment to the Animal Control Board.

Next board meeting will be June 14th. A motion was made by Dr. Peterson and seconded by J. Russell to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



Judi Harris, Chairperson



Dr. Donna A. Wilkins, Health Officer