

Geauga Public Health
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

1. Call to Order

Mr. David Gragg, President, called the special meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 3:00p.m.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Mr. David Gragg, President, Mr. Richard Piraino, Pro-Tem, and Mrs. Catherine Whitright (remote) and Ms. Lynn Roman and Dr. Patricia Levan.

Staff members present: Thomas Quade, Health Commissioner, Alta Wendell, Director of Administration (remote) and David Sage, Director of Environmental health

Others present: 20 others present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Gragg asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Information Session

a. Geauga County Fair Board Presentation

Paul Harris explained the fair board's plan for the 2020 Geauga County Fair. He stated that they have made many changes to help assure the safety of the fair-goers. He stated that the original plan has been modified to meet the Governor's order of junior fairs only.

The modified plan allows for more time to move animals into the fair and out of the fair once the fair is over. Previously, this was done a day a head and the day following the end of the fair. There will now be several days prior and after the fair to move the animals in and out. The fair board has purchased equipment and cleaning supplies to clean and sanitize the high-touch areas.

Mr. Quade and the Board gave the fair board accolades for their comprehensive plan and following the guidelines of the Governor's order.

Mr. Harris expressed his disappointment with the order. He was part of a task-force working with the Governor's office for fairs. They had a plan put together but the Governor never reached out to them prior to his recent order. Because of the order, 500 kids will not be able to attend the fair because they are not considered junior fair members because of their age.

Mr. Harris also expressed disappointment that the Board of Health passed a resolution requesting the 2020 Geauga County Fair be junior fair only. He stated the fair board had not received a copy but several members received one in the mail as well as the county commissioners. Mr. Quade stated he would check, but he believed that he forwarded a copy via email to Mr. Harris. Mr. Quade stated that it was communicated to him that the fair board and the county commissioners were meeting to discuss the 2020 fair. Mr. Harris said that the meeting was not about the 2020 fair. This was an annual meeting that the fair board and the commissioners have every year.

A member of the audience spoke up and said the Governor's order was not law and didn't have to be followed. He also said the order didn't make sense.

Mr. Quade said it is the job of the health department to inform the public and to communicate risks. Having a full fair was a risk to the community.

Jim Dvorak, Commissioner, stated that in the beginning of the pandemic, meetings were held regularly with the county department heads to discuss what was being done. He stated the felt that these meetings needed to be held again and should include a fair board member.

Mr. Piraino moved 8.11.20-a to adopt Resolution 2020-14 recognizing that the Geauga County Fair Board's Junior Fair as described is in full compliance with the current orders of the Governor of Ohio limiting County Fairs to Junior Fairs. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Meetings

Special meeting of the Board of Health, 3:00 p.m., **Monday, August 17, 2020** at 470 Center St., Building #8, Chardon, Ohio. This meeting will convene and immediately move into Executive Session without further public business.

Special meeting of the Board of Health, 2:00 p.m., **Wednesday, August 19, 2020** at 470 Center St., Building #8, Chardon, Ohio. This meeting will convene and immediately move into Executive Session without further public business.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Health, 5:00 p.m., **Wednesday, August 26, 2020** at 470 Center St., Building #8, Chardon, Ohio

5. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Gragg adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Quade
Secretary, Geauga County Board of Health

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