



Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2024	Start Time: 3:30pm	Stop Time: 3:45pm
Note Taker: Terri Argent, REHS	Facilitator: Mayor Jamie Slutz	
Attendees: Dr. Sonia Glick Mayor Jamie Slutz Audrey Sylvester Cathy Heitger Terri Argent Anita Combs 1 Margaret Elum Dr. Lata Wiggins Christine Gogerty Ann Palaski Mike Reed		
Minutes		
On a motion by Sonia Glick, seconded by Margaret Elum. Approval was given to approve April 2024 meeting minutes as emailed. Motion carried.		
On a motion by Sonia Glick, seconded by Ann Palaski. Cathy Heitger abstains. Approval was given to pay the April bills for the Health Department in the amount of \$36,746.33, and for the WIC Department for \$12,847.75. For a total amount of \$49,594.08 for April 2024 bills. Motion carried.		
The monthly Vital Statistics, Environmental, and Nursing Division reports for April 2024 were accepted and approved without comment.		
MINUTES		
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED		
<u>Old Business</u>		
1. Massillon Community Garden update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Terri states “Anita, Audrey and Christine are going to tell you a little bit about our garden update, especially about planting day.” b) Anita states “So everyone has a packet. We just wanted to give you an update since you’ve been voting on all the wonderful donations to get this brand new shiny fence that we now have there and other things. It just gives you a brief overview- we had planting day on May 18th. Ann was there. She saw how wonderful and successful it was. We were so excited. We had about 36 people there which includes the 3 of us, Katie, our families, and it was an amazing day. So this tells a little bit about what we planted. We included some pictures now but it’s all done. The fence is up. Everything is planted. We are now watering, maintaining and waiting for our produce to grow, which it is. It’s exciting. We included who all of our sponsors and volunteers 		



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were. Anyone listed with their logo, might not mean that they gave us something monetary. Like Bachtel Excavating, they did the brand new paths that are there. We want to invite you to the ribbon cutting at the garden. Since the fence is new and the garden is way bigger this year. It's going to be fancier and so much more exciting. We are going to cut the ribbon on June 12th at 3:30m at the garden. We are inviting anyone that gave donations, helped us on planting day, anyone that had a hand in making it so successful this year. So we thought we would invite all of you."

- c) Audrey states "Thanks again Ann for coming!" Ann responds "You guys are amazing. It was an absolute orchestration of organization and planning. They are so capable of tremendous things. There were a bunch of Arrow recovery workers that came. It was all facets of the community working together for the common good. It filled me up, it was really good."
- d) Terri says thank you and asks if there are any questions.

2. Progress of Strategic Planning

- a) Terri states "As you know from last meeting we started with the board. We have completed 2 work groups now, the board and the staff. In June we will be conducting the public work groups with phone interviews and work groups. So we have 3 different ones for the public and several phone interviews. So we will be moving on with that."



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New Business

1. Approval of Donations

- a) Terri states “Those are in you packet. The rest of the donations we received really helped towards the fence. I don’t have a total there, but it really cut down on what we had to pay for the fence. All these companies donated and it was just wonderful. We just need approval to accept the donation money.”

Ann Palaski made a motion to accept the list of donations. Cathy Heitger seconds. Motion carried.

2. Current research on Public Health

- a) Terri states “We have to, as far as for accreditation, present a Public Health- related topic each year to the Board. We found a really good one, it’s exciting. It is about the harm reduction vending machine. It’s right outside our front door. This is some research, and it’s about the value of harm reduction machines. They’re finding them more and more valued and how great they’ve been. There’s a list on there with what we’ve given in just three months that have come from our machine. I myself have seen people walking up to it and it’s just wonderful. Someone might need fentanyl test strips and they don’t want to come in and ask for that, you know. Or even a Narcan kit. We have given 12 Naloxone (Narcan) kits. We like to look at that as 12 lives we may have saved. So you can just read that article on your own. On the very last page is how much we have given this year. Stark MHAR purchased the machines. Then Stark TASC fills the machine and they manage the inventory. So really all we do is if somebody comes in and asks they register for the machine, we help



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them get registered. That's about it. Everybody else takes responsibility and then they tell us what we've used. Any questions?"

- b) Ann Palaski asks "To register to use the machine, do you need an email address?" Terri responds "You go online. It is right on the machine." Ann replies "I was just wondering how difficult it is for someone who's in a crisis. So it is something they need to do ahead of time. They've not going to be able to set that all up." Terri responds "No but a lot of counselors and workers have that, they give it out if they have a case or something.""
- c) Margaret Elum asks "What if they don't have a computer?" Terri responds "They could go to the library. They couldn't really do it 24/7. But if it's during the day they can come in here and we'll get them registered. Most of them have phones though. You can do it over the phone

3. Upcoming Outreach events

- a) Terri states "We are joining the Obiemoobile, if you've heard of that. That's the food giveaway for the summer food program. They do that every day but we meet them once a week throughout the summer with children's activities. What we're focusing on this year is bike safety, mental health, and healthy eating. So there is 3 different topics we have picked and we an informational table plus we have an activity. On the 14th at Reservoir Park we are going to be joined by Bear Hugs, who gives free clothing and we are going to give out bike helmets with bike safety. On the 24th we are going to be joined by Akron Children's Hospital, we're going to do an activity. We are going to have our interpreter there. That's at Walnut Hills. So hopefully we get some our Hispanic population. There's going to be a dance party that day. Then July 8th at Walnut Hills We will have our interpreter once again and Bear Hugs will give free clothing again. July 17th on the corner of Tremont & 8th they're going to do kids vision boards. So like what you dream of and what you do as your personality. For that they cut out pictures out of magazines and put them on a board. It's a lot of fun. We actually did that as activity here at the Health Department. It was pretty fun. July 22nd we'll be at Walnut Hills again.



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Akron Children’s will be there again, as well as also have our interpreter again. Then Reservoir Park on August 2nd. We are going to make fruit kabobs and that’s going to focus activity on healthy eating. This year our big overall education is tick safety and we are taking demonstrations, like we have a kit on how to take a tick off. So that going to be an overall theme this year too. Does anybody have any questions?”

- b) Margaret Elum adds “Before we adjourn. Whoever is in charge of your website, they still have our positions as vacant. Then we are halfway through the year, there aren’t any minutes listed. So if you could have them take care of that.” Terri responds “OK,”
- c) Mayor Slutz asks if there is anything else that needs addressed. Ann responds “The surveys that we did, did you hear anything back from the strategic planner?” Terri responds “Yes. They start with the Board and end with the Board. We will do the public next then they’ll come back around to the Board and you will get all the results. They do it like a circle.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:45pmpm made by Cathy Heitger. Seconded by Ann Palaski. Motion carried.

APPROVAL

These minutes represent a true and accurate record of this meeting to be the best of my knowledge.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Date:

Mayor Jamie Slutz
President of the Board

Terri D. Argent, Health Commissioner
Secretary of the Board