

Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
June 12, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Doctor David Reed. Those in attendance includec Alan Gnessin, Dr. Ross Reife, Richard Petruschke, Dr. Reed and Joanne Slade. Debra Crowe picked up materials but was unable to stay for meeting.

The first agenda item was a review and discussion of the Monthly Report for May. All animal and food related as outlined on the Monthly Report were explained in detail by Joanne Slade, Health Enforcement Officer.

The second agenda item was a discussion of the Upper Dublin High School Survey. It was requested that a copy of the survey be obtained for the Board of Health's Review. The Board felt this to be a health issue requiring their involvement. The involvement or noninvolvement of the Upper Dublin Police was questioned. The Board of Health is prepared to work with the School District and the Police Department to address this problem. These are Upper Dublin's children, Upper Dublin's school and Upper Dublin's problem, all at a time when the Board of Health is possibly being dissolved – was the outcry of the Board. After reviewing the newspaper article, some questions raised were:

- Is the County's program strictly educational
- Who is the Safety Board? Is it a part of the School System? What is their job?
- Does the Police Department have an affirmative Plan?
- Is there date to prove Chief Thompson's statement as recorded in the newspaper article?
- What steps has the School District taken? Is there an action plan? Have they met with the Police?


It was decided Doctor Reed should do a letter on behalf of the Board of Health requesting a copy of the survey since this is a health issue. The survey will be distributed to Board members for their review and input.

An update was given on MCHD assuming public health responsibility for the Township. The Board was not in favor of this transition. A vote is tentatively scheduled for the stated meeting in July. Joanne Slade will keep the Board of Health updated.

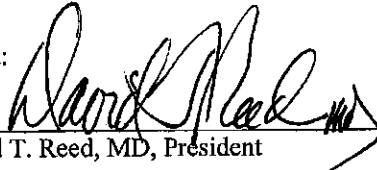
The miscellaneous items discussed included the following:
The National Environmental Health Conference in Atlantic City
Update on the GMAC project
Brain tumor incidence re Rohm & Haas

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Board of Health will not meet in July or August. Joanne Slade will correspond by e-mail to keep the Board updated on any critical issues.

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:


David T. Reed, MD, President

Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
May 8, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Sharon Starr, Debra Crowe, Joanne Slade, Dr. Reed. Absent were Richard Petrushke, Alan Gnessin, Dr. Ross Reife.

The first agenda item was a report on the Emergency Management Program held in the Township building and attended by the Health Officer. A limited discussion took place on the benefits of such programs.

The following issues outlined in the Monthly Report were discussed:

- Turkey Vulture Issue
- Manufacturer's Country Club had a high copper level and not high nitrate as noted in the monthly report.
- Dresher Inn situation
- Jarretstown Inn situation

An update was given on Montgomery County Health Department assuming responsibility of Upper Dublin Township. Board members present questioned why the Board of Health was not invited to the Board of Commissioners meeting since a representative from MCHD was invited and in attendance. The Health Officer became aware of this only after reading the agenda for the Commissioners' meeting.

A review took place of an additional letter from a resident re the sandbox at Mondauk Park. The Board of Health emphasized their position on this issue:

After further discussion and consideration, the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health confirms our position the sandbox – It is a potential source of numerous bacterial infections.

It was discussed and agreed upon that the EPA is the expert re the BoRit Asbestos Project. The action by the Township should include contacting EPA for advice and direction. They are the authority and they have the enforcement power.


A report was given by Joanne Slade on the FDA approval of the first H5N1 vaccine.

The News Brief from the National Association of Local Boards of Health was distributed and certain articles were highlighted.


It was suggested that the Red Cross be contacted to ascertain the availability of a program addressing Personal Planning for the Township residents.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th.

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:


David T. Reed, MD President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
APRIL 10, 2007

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7PM by President, Doctor David Reed. All members were in attendance with the exception of Sharon Starr.

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting of the Board of Health were discussed prior to an approval. Richard Petruschke stated that a fourth person had died who had worked at Rohm & Haas in the leather division. He felt the deaths were related to certain chemicals and were not specific to Springhouse. He is trying to obtain demographics re the deaths and hopes to offer a report at the May 8th meeting. This discussion was precipitated following the request by a Township resident for statistics involving pediatric brain cancer and the possibility of it being a Township health issue.

There being no further discussion, the minutes were approved by a majority vote.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the monthly report for March. The Board of Health was most concerned regarding the Montgomery County Health Department's reaction to a request for a statistical analysis of the incidence of Brain Cancer. Dr. Reed felt the Commissioners should be made aware of the county response and he will follow through with a letter and an attached copy of the e-mail documenting the response. The general consensus was that the County does not grasp the full meaning of Public Health.

A review of a resident's letter re the Mondauk Sandbox was the next item addressed. Dr. Reed felt he should respond by e-mail stating "After further consideration and discussion, the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health confirms our position re the sandbox." This discussion involved all the diseases that could be contracted from a community sandbox e.g. Toxoplasmosis, Ringworm, Yersinia, Salmonellosis. Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease is not the only concern as referenced in the resident's letter.

The PA State Health Report on the occurrence of Syphilis and West Nile Virus was given without further discussion.

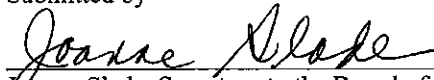
A copy of the letter from Cheltenham Township was shared with the Board. The Board felt it was an ambiguous letter and thought it interesting that no additional services were provided by the Montgomery County Health Department even though they give an otherwise impression. The Board felt it was important that the Upper Dublin Commissioners focus on this sentence when reviewing the letter.

A report was given by the Health Officer on activities for Public Health week.


The Health Officer will participate in an Emergency Management Drill and will report on the program at the May meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The Board will be notified of the date of the May meeting since the Health Officer may be on vacation.

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:


David T. Reed, MD President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President Doctor David Reed. Those present included Richard Petruschke, Sharon Starr, Deborah Crowe, Joanne Slade.

The agenda items included the following:

Review of Monthly Reports for January and February. The statistics for the Township were reviewed and commented on by the Board.

Letter from Lower Merion on joining the Montgomery County Health Department. - The BOH questioned the savings noted for salary of \$150,000.00. It was explained that Lower Merion had a Director, one full-time and one part-time employee.

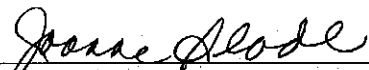
The Health Officer made the BOH aware of a resident's concern re Pediatric Brain Cancer. The Health Officer explained that she attempted to enlist the County Health Department's assistance in doing a statistical analysis to determine if Upper Dublin had a problem. The County referenced the fact that Upper Dublin was non-participating and they would only do the analysis when and if they had the time. Cancer incidence and mortality numbers for all the municipalities in Montgomery County were obtained from the State in order to do a comparison. Dr. Reed was disturbed at the County's reaction to the request and asked to see the e-mail messages that took place between the Health Officer and the County. The brain cancer issue was then further discussed with reference to the problem at Rohm & Hass. The question raised was how many residents from Upper Dublin worked at Rohm & Haas and were later diagnosed with brain cancer. Richard Petruschke will attempt to obtain the demographic distribution since this company was his former employer.

It was noted by the Health Officer that Public Health Week is April 2-8th and the Health Department has plans to stress Emergency Preparedness with the theme "Take The First Step."

An update on the BoRit problem was given by the Health Officer including the testing schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM by Dr. David Reed.

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:


Dr. David Reed, President


Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
FEBRUARY, 13, 2007

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by Dr. David Reed, President. All members of the Board of Health were in attendance.

Member of the BOH prepared to respond to the presentation made by members of the Montgomery County Board of Health last month. Following discussions, the Board adjourned to the main meeting room where the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissions was meeting. When afforded the opportunity, the following BOH members addressed the Commissioners.

Dr. Reed:

- The BOH is a volunteer group with one salaried employee
- The BOH feels it has been reasonable, responsible and has done a thorough job working on its appointed duties. It is questionable if the MCBOH can provide Upper Dublin with the same type of service that the UDBOH has
- The BOH seriously questions the statement that was made by MCBOH last month that upon joining the MCBOH, two employees will be hired immediately to take the place of the UDBOH.
- The matter of control of anything that happens here in the Township is really in the BOC's hands, and the BOH hopes that it has done its job properly in the past
- Many of the programs presented by MCBOH are available to UD if the present BOH cannot provide same from the state
- The BOH is in favor of the salary of the Health Enforcement Officer. Said salary would be money paid by Upper Dublin and would stay in Upper Dublin
- The BOH feels the services they provide in conjunction with the Health Enforcement Officer are sufficient for the needs of Upper Dublin residents
- The BOH is concerned that inspections may not be done in a prompt and complete way and that the responsiveness of the Health Enforcement Officer cannot be matched by MCBOH.

Alan Nissan

- Praised the responsiveness, responsibility and reporting qualities of the current BOH
- Was concerned that the MCBOH really has no responsibility to Upper Dublin Township. Responsiveness might not be as good as the Township would hope.
- Suspects that health levels in UD are as good as in any other part of Montgomery County
- The Health Enforcement Officer has been able to handle everything required of her
- Suggests keeping control of the health situation in the Township. If the MCBOH is needed for an outbreak, they could easily be invited to assist

- The MCBOH chose not to submit a copy of their report to either the Health Enforcement Officer or to Dr. Reed. In his opinion, that oversight speaks volumes.

Sharon Starr:

- The BOH has worked very hard with the Health Enforcement Officer
- When health issues occur in UD, the Health Enforcement Officer is responsible to the Township Manager and the BOC
- The Health Enforcement Officer can continue to work on policies to address future issues
- It is good to be proactive. She feels that would not be true in a larger system.

Mt. Mermelstein asked Mr. Leonard to contact the last five members to join the MCBOH to determine their degree of satisfaction with MCBOH. He asked that the BOC be provided with letters from those municipalities detailing the performance of MCBOH.

Dr. Reed was skeptical and said, "How do you get neutral information from townships that never had a health officer?" Mr. Mermelstein was of the opinion that the information could be obtained by speaking with the various township managers.

Mr. Tackel asked the Township Manager to also ask the various municipalities if their health officer functioned well, or are they more satisfied with dealing with MCBOH.

Following their presentations, the Board of Health Members left the meeting. There was no further discussion.

Submitted by

Joanne Slade 3/13/07
Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:

David Reed
Dr. David Reed, President

3/13/07
Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2006

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by President Doctor David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Reed, Dr. Reife, Deborah Crowe, Alan Gnessin, Joanne Slade

Prior to regular business, a resident, Victor Kalozo, 1828 Dillon Road, Maple Glen, was granted a hearing requesting a license to house raptors for educational purposes. Supporting his request was Rick Schubert, Director of the Schuylkill Wildlife Center. It was stated that the area involved would be 14 feet away from the nearest property; the birds would not be for public view; it would be a housing facility to train the birds for educational use. Following the hearing the Board discussed the issue further and finding no problems with the request as stated, the Board granted approval for a license.

Regular business then commenced with an approval by the Board of the minutes from September's meeting.

The monthly report for September was then reviewed. The following items were discussed:

Asbestos Issue- A report was given on the meeting attended in Ambler at which time representatives from DEP, EPA were present to discuss the BoRite Issue

Update was given on WNV

Emergency Food Pack from Acme – Board asked that Acme be contacted to request a display for the Township as done in Acme stores.

Community Day – Board stated their disappointment re the location of the Handwashing Activity.

Due to the timeliness of the project, the Board felt the activity should have been on the main field, not hidden along the school wall.

The issue of the sandbox in Mondauk Commons Park was the next item of discussion. Since complaints were received of children contracting various illnesses after playing in the sandbox, the BOH's opinion was to remove the sandbox since there is no way to adequately clean it and it can be a potential source of numerous illnesses such as pin worm, Staph aureus and E-coli. The opinion of the Board will be conveyed to the Director of Parks & Recreation through a memo.

An update was given on Pandemic Flu Preparation stressing the need for families to create a Family Action Plan, Prepare a Family Emergency Kit and Keep the Plan and Kit up-to-date.

The following miscellaneous issues were discussed:

Smoke free Upper Dublin as requested by a few residents

The schedule for the flu clinics


News Briefs from the National Association of Local Boards of Health

- Odors from nail salons
- Oral Health
- Tobacco use increasing

Due to scheduling conflicts, it was decided that a meeting would not be scheduled in November. The next meeting would be on December 12th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Submitted by



Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:



David Reed, MD President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The September meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Doctor David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Reed, Allan Gnessin, Richard Petruschke, Debra Crowe and Joanne Slade. Absent from the meeting were Dr. Ross Reife and Sharon Starr.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the monthly reports for July and August. The issues brought to the attention of the Board were as follows:

July Report – Rabies in a raccoon: In relation to this item, the feral cat issue was discussed and the ordinance that states -if you feed a stray cat, you own that cat and as such are responsible for getting the cat vaccinated against rabies. Residents must be reminded of this ordinance, especially those who are feeding feral cats.

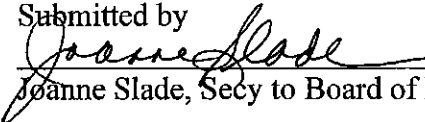
West Nile Virus: It was suggested that the recommendation involving bird feeders as outlined by the PA Game Commission, should be placed on the Township's TV channel and web site.

August Report – A report was given on the planned project for Community Day. Besides an educational program on proper handwashing, a display on Pandemic Flu Readiness is planned. Copies of brochures that will be distributed were displayed for the Board. The theme "Be Prepared, Not Scared" will be emphasized. A copy of the planned brochure that also stressed preparedness, was shared with the Board.


The next item of discussion was the Asbestos Issue at the BoRit Site in Ambler. The Board was updated on the situation as well as a planned meeting hosted by DEP and EPA. Dr. Reed gave some background history on this issue.

There being no further items of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2006 at 7PM.

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secy to Board of Health

Attest:


David Reed, MD, President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JUNE 13, 2006

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Ross Reife, Allan Gnessin, Dr. David Reed and Joanne Slade.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved.

The monthly report for May was reviewed.

The Township's Health Profile was reviewed and a comparison was done to the national averages. It appeared that the hepatitis results were high. Joanne Slade was directed to check with the PA State Health Department to question if possibly a decimal point was misplaced. All the other results appeared to be below the national averages.

The Pandemic Influenza Guide For Individual and Families was distributed to all members for their review. It was agreed that putting it onto the Township's web site was a good practical idea.

Suggestions for an activity for the Township's Community Day was the next item of discussion. Some suggestions offered were: A Display on "Nutrition – Good Snacks vs Bad Snacks" -- Pandemic Flu Display -- Handwashing Program – Various Means of Curbing Water Pollution. No final decision was reached.

It was discussed and determined that Federal Regulations would impact on any Township guidelines developed for discarding pharmaceuticals. Information on the topic will continue to be collected and used to encourage our legislators to enact needed legislation.


The Board was made aware of the Blood Drive scheduled for July 25th, 12 Noon – 6PM at the Township Building.

A report given on the Avian Flu included basic facts, the number of reported cases and the number of reported deaths. The Board was made aware that some residents, mainly those that are elderly, are confusing Seasonal Flu, Bird Flu, bird deaths caused by the West Nile Virus and Pandemic Flu.

Dr. Reed announced that no meeting would be held in July and August. The next scheduled meeting would be September 12th unless an emergency developed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

Attest:


David Reed, MD President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Slade in the absence of President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Ross Reife, Richard Petrushke, Sharon Starr, Deborah Crowe. Absent were Dr. Reed and Alan Gnessin.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the monthly report for April. The Health Profile for the Township was discussed and Dr. Reife will look at national averages to determine where the Township stands and a report on his findings will be given at the next meeting of the Board of Health.

It was brought to the attention of Board member, Deborah Crowe, that her term will expire June 30, 2006. She expressed interest in being considered for an additional term, which will be relayed to the Township Manager. Alan Gnessin will be contacted by Joanne Slade to determine his interest in being considered for another term.

The Board was made aware of asbestos concerns by the Citizens for a Better Ambler (CBA) through photographs and an e-mail message.

An application for a King Snake was reviewed as submitted by Lisa Klotz. The Board approved the application and a permit will be issued as required by Township ordinance.

An update was given by Joanne Slade on the Avian Flu/ Pandemic Flu Plan from the PA Department of Health.


An article on Fluoridated water was distributed and discussed.

Recreational Water Illnesses were discussed and the signage that will be distributed to every public pool was displayed.

An article on Hookah, a Middle Eastern custom that is gathering a growing following in America, was discussed.


There being no further issues, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Dr. Reed will be contacted prior to scheduling a meeting in June.

Submitted by



Joanne Slade, Secy to the Board of Health

Attest:



David Reed, MD, President

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

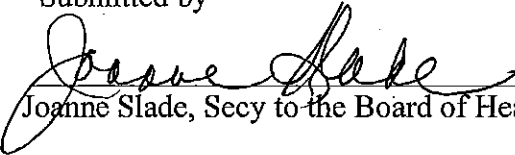
The April 11, 2006, monthly meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health. Was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Sharon Starr, Richard Petruschke and Joanne Slade. Absent were Alan Gnessin and Debra Crowe.

The following agenda items were addressed:


- The monthly report for March was reviewed with comments and discussion on the following topics: Dogs running loose; Avian Flu – a question & answer document retrieved from the PA State Health's web site was distributed and discussed; Pandemic Influenza Planning – document was distributed and discussed.
- A letter was discussed received from the Office of Chief Counsel for the State of PA regarding the inspection of cosmetology, cosmetician and manicurist shops. It was decided that Dr. Reed, as President of the BOH, would draft a letter outlining the concerns of the BOH (lack of an enforcement arm; limited resources; criteria for compliance.)
- The Upper Dublin School District's request for information on the Avian Influenza was addressed by providing web sites on which much information relative to schools is provided. The Board agreed with this approach.
- An application submitted by Lisa Klotz for a snake was reviewed and approved.
- Dr. Reife provided information on the disposal of pharmaceuticals. Following a review of the information, it was the opinion of the Board that the disposal of pharmaceuticals is hazardous to the environment although most citizens are unaware of the consequence when throwing unused pharmaceuticals down the toilet. The County will be contact to determine if they accept unused drugs on Hazardous Waste Day.

- There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.
- The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7 PM

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secy to the Board of Health

Attest:



David Reed, MD, President

5/11/06

Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Health of Upper Dublin Township took place on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7PM. Those in attendance included Dr. David Reed, Allan Gnessin, Debra Crowe, Sharon Starr, Dr. Ross Reife and Joanne Slade.

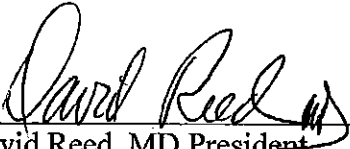
The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Miriam Moyer, owner of White Flicker Wild Bird Rehabilitation Clinic located on Dillon Road in Upper Dublin Township. Her annual presentation updated the Board on the operation of the facility and included a listing of the types of birds received and some of the challenges with which she is faced. The Board was very receptive to her presentation and fully supports the operation.


Following was a review of the health department's monthly reports for January and February. The first issue - An explanation was given by the Health Officer of the HAN (Health Alert Network) System to which the Township subscribes. This was followed by an update on the Avian Flu issue. Other issues noted on the reports that was discussed included the report on the High School swimming pool; the presence of wild animals within the Township and the disposal of pharmaceuticals, which will be addressed further by Dr. Ross Reife.

A copy of the state's Pandemic Response Plan was distributed to all members for their general information and for future discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7PM at the Township building.



David Reed, MD President

Submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Health Board

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. David Reed, Richard Petrushke, Debra Crowe and Joanne Slade.

The minutes from the last meeting held in November, 2005, were reviewed and accepted.

The monthly reports for November and December were reviewed. The Health Officer was asked to elaborate on the following issues noted in the reports:

- Salmonellosis investigation at the Penn Restaurant
- Situation at the 19th Hole Lounge
- Situation at 517 Summit Avenue
- Severing of a finger by the bite from a dog

An update was given by the Health Officer on the following issues:

- Aqua Water notification of shut-offs: Aqua Water Company does notify the Township when a water shut-off is planned for non-payment of bill. This notification is usually one month prior to the planned shut-off. The Township monitors the situation and when and if water service is terminated, the dwelling can be deemed uninhabitable.
- With the retirement of their Health Officer, Lower Merion joined the Montgomery County Health Department. The only nonparticipating municipalities remaining are Lansdale and Upper Dublin.
- Upper Moreland's ordinance addressing feral cats as compared to Upper Dublin's Ordinance: Upper Moreland's ordinance requires neutering and vaccination whereas Upper Dublin's ordinance requires only vaccination.

The disposal of pharmaceutical was discussed and the following questions were raised:

Does the filtration system remove them?

Is there specific testing for them?

Are there limits imposed by the EPA?

How does the Township and the pharmaceutical companies dispose of them? Does the Township use a landfill or the Trash-to Steam Plant? Does the Township have concerns or plans for disposal?

The Health Officer will try to find the answers to the above and report at the March meeting..

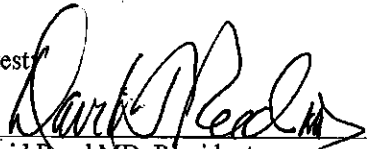
Drug usage at the high school and security in all the schools were discussed with concerns.. The Health Officer was asked to check if drug usage is included in police reports and if these reports are available.

Dr. Reed reported that he would be away in February and was canceling the February meeting of the Board of Health. In case of an emergency, the Health Officer would schedule a special meeting with Dr. Ross Reife assuming the position of President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM

Submitted by
Joanne Slade, Secy to the Board of Health

Attest



David Reed MD, President

3/14/06

Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Health of Upper Dublin Township was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Those in attendance included Dr. David Reed, Richard Petruschke and Joanne Slade.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and it was noted that information from Aqua Water Company, which was to be presented by Alan Gnessin, will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting. Dr. Reife had also notified the Board's President that he will present his findings regarding the disposal of pharmaceuticals. Following the review, the minutes were accepted.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Monthly Report for October. The Child Nutrition and Reauthorization Act of 2004 was discussed and the Board felt that the requirements of this Act should be brought to the attention of the school district, particularly the posting, in a publicly visible location, a report on the most recent food safety inspection. This will be done with a letter to the Director of Food Service.

The Handwashing Program, developed and distributed to the public elementary schools for grades 1-3, was presented to the Board by Joanne Slade. With the approach of the flu season, the Board members felt the program was very appropriate and approved of it.

A comparison of Upper Dublin's health statistics with those from similar and equally populated townships was done for years 2003 and 2004. Categories that were studied closely included Lyme Disease Cases (10 vs 27); incidence and mortality of all cancer sites; number of births to different mother's age groups (age 30-49 having the highest number of births); and animal bites (20 vs 11). It was suggested that additional educational materials on Lyme Disease be obtained and distributed as a response to the increase number of Lyme Disease cases.

The Upper Dublin Ordinance addressing the feral cat issue was compared with the Upper Moreland Ordinance. It was decided that additional study should be done prior to making any recommendations for an amendment. A copy of both ordinances was forwarded to those Board members who were absent from the meeting asking them to review the ordinances. This item will then be further discussed at the next meeting.

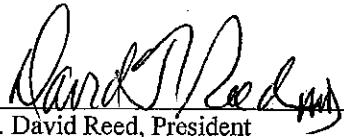
The Health Advisory on antiviral stockpiles for influenza preparedness was discussed. Personal Stockpiling of Tamiflu was strongly discouraged based on the following:
No human cases of H5N1 in the US; no H5N1 in the poultry industry in the US
Supplies of Tamiflu are limited
Personal stockpiles would likely lead to inappropriate use and wastage
Emergence of resistance in flu strains
Side effects of the medication might offset benefits.
These points will be relayed to the public when and if the situation warrants it. The Board is of the opinion if a pandemic should develop, the State Health Department will take the lead.

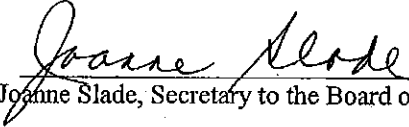
A discussion on assigning a letter grade to restaurants based on their inspection report was tabled until the next meeting.

As miscellaneous points of discussion, the Board was made aware that Lower Merion was contemplating joining the Montgomery County Health Department.
The lack of hot water at the showers in the pool area of the high school was made known to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2006.

Attest


Dr. David Reed, President


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included, Dr. David Reed, Alan Gnessin, Deborah Crowe, Dr. Ross Reife, and Joanne Slade.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved following a discussion of the HIPAA regulations and their relation to withholding from the Township, the name(s) of property owners whose water service is shut off thereby making the house uninhabitable. Alan Gnessin volunteered to contact Aqua Water Company for an explanation of their policy on this issue.

A review and discussion of the monthly report for September followed with feral cats being the primary item of discussion. The Board requested that a copy of the most recent Upper Moreland Township ordinance pertaining to feral cats be obtained in order to review the language on neutering. It was the Board's opinion that neutering should be included as an amendment to the Upper Dublin Township ordinance following a review by the Township solicitor. Joanne Slade will contact Upper Moreland to request a copy of this ordinance that was publicized in the local newspaper.

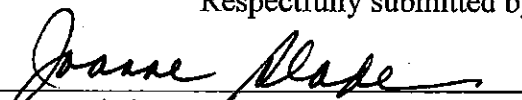
The health statistics for the Township were reviewed with no disease occurrences appearing abnormally high.

An Avian flu discussion followed. Dr. Reed stated there was nothing that the Board of Health could do at this time except to monitor the situation closely and stay in contact with the State Health Department. Information on the 2005 free influenza/pneumonia immunizations sites and requirements were shared with the Board. The discussion on the flu raised the topic of hand washing. Joanne Slade stated that a program was being developed for grades 1-3 on why we wash our hands, when we wash our hands and how we wash our hands. She will be in contact with the elementary schools. School maintenance will also be contacted to ensure supplies are continuously available for hand washing.

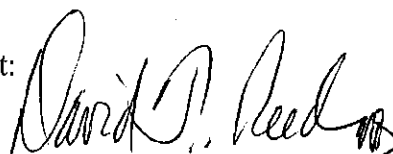
Damming the flow of drugs into the drinking water supply was the final issue discussed. Dr. Reife will check into the means used to dispose of pharmaceuticals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is November 8, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to Board of Health

Attest:


Dr. David Reed, President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

A meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in the Township Building with Dr. David Reed, President, presiding.

Those in attendance included Dr. Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Allan Gnessin, Richard Petruschke and Joanne Slade.

Prior to any business or discussion items, Sergeant Rodney Hildebrand, Juvenile Officer for Upper Dublin Township, was introduced. He addressed the topic of drugs, their use by the youth of the Township and programs available to combat the problem; alcohol use and garage hopping. A discussion along with a question / answer period followed the presentation.

The first item of business included a review of the minutes from the June meeting. The minutes were approved.

The monthly reports for July and August were reviewed and discussed. The feral cat situation in Ambler was discussed at length. The BOH is not in favor of a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return Program. Monitoring of the vaccination status is a concern along with the number of feral cats in the area. The Board favors a Trap and Remove Program. ??

It was reported that Aqua Water stated they cannot notify the Township when water service is discontinued to its customers based on HIPAA. The BOH did not agree and felt lack of water in a home creates a health related issue and on that basis, such information should be relayed to the Township. This opinion will be relayed to Aqua Water Company.

An update was given on the Dog Park. Two members of the BOH reported they had visited the park with their pets. They were very impressed with the overall operation and maintenance of the site and had nothing but positive comments to report.

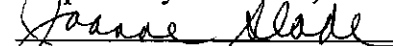
Information was distributed on helping in the wake of Hurricane Katrina followed by limited discussion

It was reported that September was Cholesterol Education Month and as such, the Board was made aware of the display that was planned.

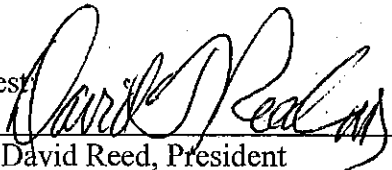
A meeting is scheduled for October 11th at which time Chief Thompson is scheduled to speak on the use and nonuse of juveniles in tobacco sting operations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne Slade, Secretary to Board

Attest


Dr. David Reed, President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

A meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 in the Township Building with Dr. David Reed, President, presiding.

In attendance were Dr. David Reed, Allan Gnessin, Debra Crowe, Joanne Slade.

The following issues were discussed:

Drug and tobacco use by the youth of the Township: Board member, Alan Gnessin was concerned that Chief Thompson was reluctant to do "sting operations" as a means of catching those businesses illegally selling tobacco to minors. It was felt that all possible means should be implemented to curtail tobacco use by the youth. It was suggested that Chief Thompson be invited to the next Board of Health monthly meeting in order to discuss this issue further.

In order to become more aware of the drug use situation within the youth population of the Township, it was suggested that the Juvenile Officer, Rodney Hildebrand be invited to the next Board of Health Meeting in September. Statistics and available programs focusing on drug and tobacco use are the areas of interest to the Board. Information on grants available re tobacco use will be forwarded to all Board Members.

The monthly reports for April and May were reviewed by the Board. The Board was made aware of the senior citizens facing some difficult times including the uninhabitable condition of the Bonner home due to lack of water.

The Board was made aware that Cheltenham Township joined the Montgomery County Health Department. The points of the agreement were discussed.

An update on the West Nile Virus program was given by Joanne Slade. The program is basically the same as in the past.

The submitted comments of the BOH members for the proposed Daug Bark Park signage were reviewed. It was agreed that three dogs per handler were too much and should be changed to two dogs per handler. This suggestion will be forwarded to Sue Lohoefer. The question was raised if there is a plan in place to re-evaluate the program. The BOH is requesting a six month update following the opening of the park. This request will also be forwarded to Sue Lohoefer.

The water quality reports for the three water suppliers of the Township were reviewed by the Board. It was concluded that the reporting appeared to be sufficient, although the North Wales Water Report did not present the same detail and quality as the reports for Ambler and Aqua water Companies. The general water quality and operation of these utilities appeared to be adequate. It was felt that the Safe Drinking Water Act, which is a


Federal Law, dictates the standards and reporting & testing requirements. An additional action that would ensure a safe product is to require testing by an independent agency if this is not presently done. Dr. Reed made the members aware of a brackish water problem in the Willomere/ Hagues Mill Road area. When such problems exist for specific areas, the Township should be made aware of the problem in order to ensure that adequate follow-up is done to address it. DEP should also be made aware of all water problems experienced by residents since they have sole responsibility for the community drinking water program.

Information on the BoomerANG Project was discussed with the members. Joanne Slade will contact the organization in order to obtain additional information on the project and to request the Board of Health be added to their mailing list.


The heat and the internal air temperature of the schools were discussed. The Board was made aware that each School District decides when its schools should be closed due to high temperatures within the classrooms. There are no definite temperatures stated in the State School Code or in the State Health Code.

There being no further points of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The next scheduled meeting will be in September, unless an emergency arises, at which time the Board will convene.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne M. Slade, Secretary to Board

Attest:



Dr. David Reed, President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those present included Debra Crowe, Sharon Starr, Allen Gnessin, Ross Reife and Joanne Slade.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

The monthly report for January was reviewed. The following items were questioned and discussed:

- Food illness investigations that were conducted at Friendly's and King Tien
- Flu Vaccine availability – amount available & notification of public
- What constitutes a dangerous dog and how is a dog declared dangerous
- The situation of wild turkeys

A presentation was given by representative from the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Montgomery County. Jon Hendl and Eric Chong with the help of a slide presentation, explained the goals of the coalition and discussed potential collaborations between the Township and the Coalition – specifically, ways to create smoke-free areas throughout the community and more smoke-free environments. As a Coalition, they have enrolled more than 500 county restaurants and 3000 businesses in their smoke-free program. They also oversee the countywide youth tobacco prevention program called BUSTED. Questions were raised regarding enforcement. They stressed the need to educate retailers about the importance of reducing youth access to tobacco and to explain their obligations under Act 112. There is also the need to train youth to conduct compliance checks and to accompany youth to checks and to issue citations when merchants disobey law. The role of local government was discussed and the role of the police department in overseeing the checks done by trained youth.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

The Board of Health was very interested in the checks done by the youth and asked that Joanne Slade confer with Chief Thompson on this matter. Enforcement in the parks was also a concern and Joanne Slade was directed to check with Sue Lohoeffer on this issue.

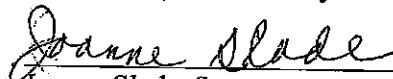
Jon Hendl will have Chief Vance contact Joanne Slade so that certain questions can be answered. Reports from Chief Thompson, Chief Vance and Sue Lohoeffer will be shared with the Board of Health at the next scheduled meeting.

The next item of discussion was the inspection report for the food facilities. The report was reviewed with much interest from the Board members.

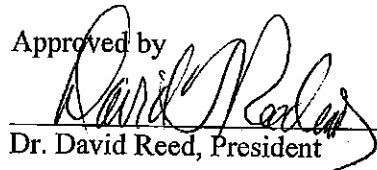
There being no further discussion items, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM by Dr. Reed.

A tentative meeting was scheduled for March. The Board will be notified.

Respectfully submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secy

Approved by


Dr. David Reed, President

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2005

The January meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. David Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Debra Crowe, Richard Petruschke, Joanne Slade. Absent were Allen Gnessin and Sharon Starr.

The minutes from the last meeting, which was held in October, were reviewed and approved.

The monthly reports for October, November and December were reviewed and questions and concerns were addressed.

A presentation was given by Marion Moyer on her rescue habitat for birds at 1460 Dillon Road. Her presentation included a review of the birds that were under her care during the past years; an explanation of the qualifications for licensing and state permit as received in November. She is also planning an open house. The Board was pleased with her report and made the decision to extend the permit, as issued by the Board of Health, for another year.

The Daug Park issue was discussed and the report as submitted to Sue Lohoeffer was reviewed. Dr. Reed had some concerns re enforcement.

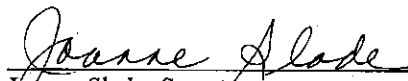
Monitoring the health and food safety status of eateries throughout the Township was discussed. It was felt that publication of the inspection form as a means of alerting the public to the requirements would be a good idea and would not present any legal concerns. An excel sheet will be developed with the violations listed for those eateries and retail food markets inspected.

The major issues of Healthy People 2010 were discussed. Tobacco Use was an issue that the Board of Health felt should be investigated further. It was decided that the Tobacco-free Coalition for Montgomery County should be contacted and asked to give a presentation at the February meeting. Secretary to the Board, Joanne Slade, will make the arrangements.

Dr. Reed scheduled a meeting for February 8, 2005 at 7PM.

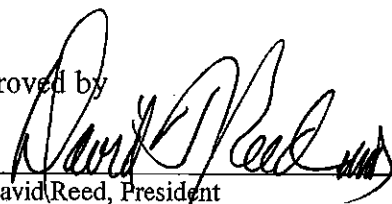
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Joanne Slade, Secretary

1-12-2005
Date

Approved by


Dr. David Reed, President

2-8-2005
Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, October 12, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Health of Upper Dublin Township was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 7 PM with President Dr. David Reed presiding. Those in attendance included Deborah Crowe, Allan Gnessin, Dr. Ross Reife, Joanne Slade. Absent were Sharon Starr and Richard Petruschke.

The minutes of September's BOH meeting were reviewed and approved

The monthly report for September was reviewed. Placing the inspection report of the various food facilities into the newspaper was discussed. It was the Board's opinion that the public has a right to know the type of facilities at which they are eating. It was also felt that having the inspection report available for public review would be a motivating factor for compliance with the food code. It was also reported by the Health Officer that a data base is being established in order to monitor more closely the progress or regression of the eateries within the Township. This in turn will guide the educational program for each facility. This issue will be researched and discussed further at the next BOH meeting.

An update was given by the Health Officer on the Flu Vaccination Program and the upcoming schedule for Montgomery County residents. It was reported that the Fort Washington Expo Center would be the administration site since the facility is able to comfortably accommodate a large number of senior citizens. A discussion ensued on the vaccine shortage.

The Dog Park issue was discussed at length. The Board of Health reviewed the materials obtained from Sue Lohoefer on programs in place in various communities throughout the country. It was the Board's opinion that the Hilton Head Report offered the most complete guidelines. Those guidelines were discussed and the final guidelines proposed:

- Dogs must remain leashed when entering or leaving the park area
- The entrance to the dog park should be away from the exercise area
- The recommended surface should be granite dust since it is more sterile than soil
- Eating by the dog owner/handler and/or feeding of dogs when in the dog park, should be prohibited
- Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior towards other dogs or other persons should immediately be removed from the dog park by its owner or handler
- No dog owner or handler shall bring any dog that is known to have previously attacked, bitten or harmed any other person or animal, into the dog park

- No dog owner or handler shall bring any dog younger than four months into the dog park
- No dog owner or handler shall bring any female dog(s) "in heat" into the dog park
- No dog owner or handler shall bring any dog that is not legally licensed and has not had all required vaccinations into the dog park. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must be stressed.
- No dog owners or handler shall permit their dog(s) to dig within the dog park. If this happens, the dog owner is responsible to fill the holes dug by their dog. Holes present a hazard to everyone using the park.
- No dog owner or handler can leave an unattended dog within the dog park. Unattended dogs shall be considered abandoned
- No more than two dogs per dog owner or handler should be permitted in the dog park at any one time
- Dog owners and handlers must clean up and remove any droppings left by their dog(s) within the dog park and dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner.
- Children under the age of sixteen should not be permitted in the dog park unless accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Professional dog trainers should not be permitted to utilize the dog park to conduct their business
- No other animal, except a dog, should be permitted to be within the fenced area of the designated dog park
- All rules and regulations should be attached to the application and posted at the site
- The owner or handler of a dog(s) must report any dog bites. The number to call to report such incident should be included on the application form.

Dr. Lance Horwitz, former Board of Health Veterinarian, was consulted for his recommendations. He agreed with the Board of Health's recommendations as outlined above, and he added the following:

- All dogs using the park should have an annual "negative fecal examination in order to prevent hookworm infestation of the area
- An annual permit should be issued by P&R along with a fee, based on the dogs having an annual negative fecal exam result and current immunizations
- In order to avoid injuries, P&R should set a minimal age for children admitted to the park
- P&R should set a maximum number of dogs allowed in the park at any one time
- Volunteer monitors should be issued an identified red cap, proper ID, and the power to enforce the rules and regulations of the dog park

These guidelines will be put into a memo to Sue Lohoefer, Director of Parks and Recreation as the official response from the Board of Health.

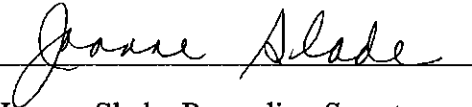
There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9PM with a motion by Dr. Reed and seconding by Allan Gnessin. A tentative meeting was scheduled for November and December. The Board will be notified.

VOTE ON MOTION

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Slade, Recording Secretary

Attest:

Dr. David Reed, President

CONFIDENTIAL

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by President Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included board members, Allen Gnessin, Richard Petruschke and Secretary to the Board, Joanne Slade.

Announcement was made of the arrival of Board Member, Debra Crowe's baby girl. A card was sent on behalf of the Board of Health.

The first issue on the agenda was a review and discussion of the monthly reports for July and August. The Board fully supported the clean-up efforts in the North Hills area and suggested that the cleanup be made into an annual event.

An update on the West Nile Virus program was given with suggestion from Richard Petruschke to check the pond at Highland & Pinetown Road along with a smaller pond located on Highland Avenue between Pinetown and Camphill Roads.

There being no further discussion, the reports were accepted as written.

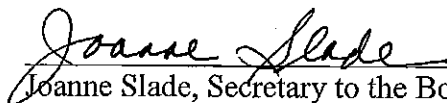
The second item on the agenda was an update & demonstration of the Community Day Program sponsored by the Board of Health. The program, which was demonstrated by Joanne Slade, will involve proper handwashing. The Board was very receptive to the program and suggested it be continued beyond Community Day to include elementary school children. However, all ages will be invited to participate at Community Day.

An announcement was made of a planning and public health audio & web conference on December 1st at 4-5PM. Members were interested and felt that building healthy and sustainable communities provide numerous personal, community and municipal benefits. Healthy land-use choices could help decrease the burden of many health concerns of residents such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, asthma, pedestrian injuries and health disparities.

The final agenda item included miscellaneous issues:

- = Dog Licensing Reminder was displayed
- = The booklet on Food Safety Education Month was reviewed
- = The Dog Park issue listed on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners Meeting was noted by Board Member, Richard Petruschke. He was surprised that the BOH was not consulted on the issue since he felt there could be some health related concerns. Those concerns were discussed briefly (parking, feces, unleashed dogs, unvaccinated dogs). Joanne Slade will check to determine the status of the issue and report back to the Board in October.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 7PM.


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

9/15/04
Date

Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2004

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 was attended by Dr. David Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Richard Petruschke, Allen Gnessin, Sharon Starr, Deborah Crowe and Joanne Slade.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Reed. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and accepted. The meeting was then turned over to Joanne Slade who presented the monthly reports for April and May. The following issues as noted in the reports were discussed:

- Numerous calls regarding the presence of fox in the Maple Glen area
- An update on the situation at 600 Limekiln Pike involving the excessive number of cats in the house
- The incident of Campylobacter and the inspection at Genuardi's
- The Cherokee Festival and the food service
- The situation involving the elderly gentleman living at 429 Elliger Avenue
- The storage of tires at Moon's Tires and the relation to West Nile Virus

The next item involved a review of an application that was submitted for an unpermitted animal, an iguana. The Board heard the answers to the following questions as outlined on the application: Type and number of animals to be covered by the permit; Purpose of keeping such animal; Description of the animal quarters; Circumstance under which the animal will be removed from its quarters; Biographical information of applicant and any other caretakers. The Board was satisfied with the responses and a permit was issued for one year.

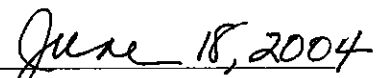
House Bill 615 – Tattoo, Body piercing and Corrective Cosmetic Artists Act – was discussed and its implications on Upper Dublin Township Ordinance No. 1121 – Tattooing and Body Piercing. It was determined that the President of the BOH, Dr. Reed, would send a copy of the ordinance along with a cover letter to the Chairman and Council of the State Public Health and Welfare Committee for comment and clarification regarding the power of regulation. Copies of the correspondence will also be forwarded to Representatives McGill, Bard and Webber.

Other items discussed included the programs at the North Hills Health Center and Lead in the drinking water of the schools. It was suggested that Wade Coleman be contacted to ascertain the plan of action to address the lead in certain drinking water fountains of the schools since Tom Mouser is planning to retire. Joanne Slade will follow up on this issue.

It was decided to cancel the meetings for July and August unless a health issue arises. The next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health


Date

Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2004

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 7PM was attended by Dr. David Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Richard Petruschke, Allen Gnessin and Joanne Slade. Absent were Sharon Starr and Deborah Crowe.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Reed who then turned it over to Joanne Slade who reviewed the monthly reports for February and March. The issues in the reports that received special attention included the lifeguard issue at LA Fitness, the presence of coyotes in the area and tattooing. On those issues, the following was discussed:

The Board agreed that lifeguards should be a requirement at all public pools and supported the enforcement of the Township Ordinance that requires their presence. Concerning the coyote issue, the Board agreed that the Game Commission should be involved as much as possible since they are the wildlife authority. Dr. Reed relayed that he was interviewed by a writer from the Philadelphia Inquirer on this subject and he shared pictures with the Inquirer. The consensus was this is an ideal way in which to educate the public on an animal about which little is known. Concerning the tattooing issue, Dr. Reed relayed that he did not receive a reply to the letter that he penned to Senator Greenleaf. An article on tattooing "Amateur Tattooing On The Rise" was referenced in which the health hazards of tattooing were discussed. Dr. Reed agreed to write a letter to the National Association of Local Boards of Health informing them of the enactment of the Body Piercing Ordinance that the Board of Health was instrumental in getting passed.

Food Safety was the next item for discussion. The Board felt that Fire Companies, Churches, Schools and any other organization that has the opportunity to serve food should be sent a form letter outlining the requirement for no bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods along with any additional information needed to ensure safe food.

Other issues discussed were:

Directory of Services for the Elderly - Dr. Reed agreed to get the directory that is presently available so that the Board could review its contents and make any needed additions. If determined to be complete, additional copies would be obtained for distribution to the senior citizen organizations.

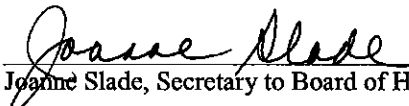
Healthy School Options - The contents of the vending machines in the high school will be surveyed and recommendations given to the Food Service Director.

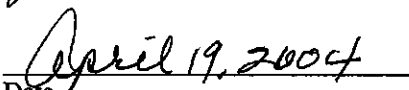
Community Day - The Board of Health will participate. Temporary Tattoos along with information on tattooing and body piercing will be part of the exhibit. The activity was not decided.

Wild Bird Habitat - The Board was informed that a permit was issued although there were two neighbors that did not support its existence. The operation will be monitored and if it does present a nuisance, the permit can be revoked.

Dr. Reed did not schedule a meeting for May since the Health Officer, Joanne Slade, will be out of town. The next scheduled meeting will be June 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM


Joanne Slade, Secretary to Board of Health


Date

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Joanne Slade, in the absence of President, Doctor David Reed. All other members were present.

The minutes of September's meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Monthly Report for September was reviewed and the following issues were discussed:

Feral Cats- Cost saving options were discussed. The Board had concerns regarding the Township's liability if they accepted the option of purchasing traps and then loaning them to Township residents for the purpose of trapping animals. The consensus was to continue with the present program since it appeared to address the problem and the cost was not significant when considering the total budget. It is a service provided to the taxpayer.

Salmonellosis Investigation – The investigation procedure and conclusion were discussed. Some were relieved to hear positive comments since they dine in one or more of the restaurants.

The power outage and repercussions of Isabella were explained.

Information was shared on childhood immunizations. Material from The American Academy of Pediatrics was discussed.

It was relayed by a member who attended a School Board Meeting that the School District is testing all the water sources in the school for the presence of lead. The results of that testing are forthcoming.

Free flu shot information was shared with the Board along with information on the Men's Night Out Program scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at the North hills Health Center.

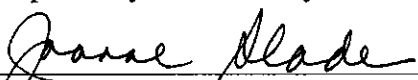
There being no further questions or discussion of issues, the Board began its review of the Second Draft of the Body Piercing Ordinance. The following raised some questions:

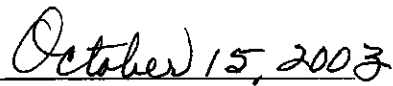
- The requirement of \$500,000 of insurance
- The 10' X10' room requirement
- Clarification & consistency in use of terms - Board of Commissioners & Board of Health
- Clarification in outlining procedure when dealing with a violation

The review was finalized and comments with recommended changes will be submitted to the solicitor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Dr. Reed will be contacted prior to scheduling a meeting for November.

Respectfully submitted by


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health


Date

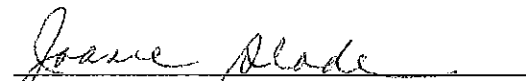
MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. All members of the Board were present. A welcome was extended to new Board member, Alan Gnessin, an attorney, who then acquainted the Board with his background of extensive experience in the field of health care regulation.

The first item of business was a review of the monthly reports for July and August. The issue of expanding the Animal Ordinance to include cats not permitted to run at large was discussed. The Board's concern was the enforcement aspect. Following a discussion, it was agreed that it would be very difficult to enforce such a regulation and as such, the animal ordinance should not be expanded to include cats running at large. The ordinance as was amended to read cats running at large must have proof of rabies vaccination was adequate to address any public health concerns at this time. As follow-up, the Health Officer will check with neighboring townships to determine their way of dealing with the issue. General background information was given to the Board on the issues of West Nile Virus, Pesticide Use at Butler Park and Licensing of the school at St. Mary's.

The main agenda item was a review of the Body Piercing Ordinance. As requested by the Township Solicitor, Gil High, the Board scrutinized the ordinance by recommending changes in wording, adding and deleting phrases and questioning certain aspects in order to present a more public health correct document back to the Solicitor. A copy of this review will also be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting convened at 9:45PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 7PM.


Joanne Slade, Secretary
Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JUNE 17, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 with the following members in attendance: President Dr. David Reed, Dr. Ross Reife, Dr. Carl Abramson, Joanne Slade.

The monthly reports for April and May were reviewed and the following issues were discussed:

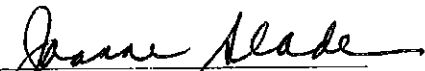
- Cats that are permitted to roam, regardless of vaccination status- Dr. Reed stated that a letter should be written warning owners of the risks involved when their pet cats are permitted to roam. Included with the letter should be a copy of Ordinance No. 1035 that outlines the requirements when cats are permitted to roam. This discussion followed a report on the incidents involving the raccoons that tested positive for rabies and how roaming cats present an exposure potential .
- Dr. Reed clarified that the waste (mouth suction covers) from Dr. Bantley's dental office was infectious waste and should be red- bagged and not included with regular trash. All waste contaminated with any body fluids, not only blood, is considered to be infectious. A letter will be sent to Dr. Bantley advising him of such.
- Mold and the Health Department's role was discussed. Since there are no standards set by EPA and no plans by EPA to regulate mold, the Health Department's role is to advise of the potential risks and to give guidelines for addressing.

An update was given by the Health Officer on the meeting of nonparticipating townships joining the Montgomery County Health Department. Letters that were written to the MCHD were shared with the Board.

A copy of the Body Piercing Ordinance, as received from the Solicitor, was distributed to those present. Dr. Reed directed that the ordinance be reviewed during the months of July and August with any deletions/changes noted for the September meeting. Copies will be forwarded to those members not present.

A report was given by the Health Officer on the Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association attended from June 8-June 11th.

It was agreed by all present, that there would not be a meeting in July or August due to vacation plans and other commitments. The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2003 at 7PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.


Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by President, Doctor David Reed. All members were in attendance with the exception of Deborah Crowe.

The minutes for January's meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The monthly report for January was reviewed by the Health Officer. The following was discussed:

- The issue involving the barriers on Southwind Way caused some concern among the members with Dr. Reed raising the issue of "segment fencing." He suggested that the Zoning Officer investigate this further from this viewpoint. The Health Officer agreed to present this to the Zoning Officer. The growth pattern of blackberry vines was also discussed as part of this issue as was the role of the Game Commission.
- The issue of vaccination exemption was discussed as it related to the case of pertussis at the Serendipity Day Care Center. Information submitted by Sharon Starr was used as the basis for this discussion. It was concluded that prudent child care providers should discuss with an attorney the liability risk for enrolling a child whose parents refuse to accept immunization of their child for non-medical reasons. The health concern should be for the "greater good."
- It was brought to the attention of the Board by Dr. Reife that an issue exists at the Dresher Shop 'n Bag involving bird excrement on the shopping carts. The Health Officer agreed to discuss this issue with the management of the store. Dr. Reed suggested using clear fishing line as a barrier. A product, "Bird Off" was another suggestion offered as a way of discouraging nesting in the area above the carts.


The next agenda item involved a review and discussion of the checklist for initial approval of Body Piercing Facilities. Under the heading – Personnel- it was determined that a non-driving license from the Department of Transportation would be an acceptable means of identification. The regulations devised by the Board of Health will be compared with the National Environmental Health Association's Body Art Model Code that was submitted by Dr. Carl Abramson. Changes and/or recommendations will be discussed at the March meeting of the Board of Health. It was reiterated that the Board of Health's goal is to ensure that required sterilization, sanitation and safety standards are maintained in the operation of a Body Art Facility. Another aspect of this proposed ordinance that was discussed was PREVENTION. In order to prevent, you must educate. Various formats were discussed that included, educating a group of peers who in turn would educate the student community; include information in the health curriculum; meet with school nurse and health/physical education teachers to discuss ways and means, knowing that final approval of any changes or additions to a curriculum rests with the School Board. This aspect of PREVENTION will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The negative issues of the proposed ordinance to be discussed with the Township Solicitor at the scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 13th were outlined. These included Means of Enforcement & Monitoring and Infringement of Freedom of Expression.

The final agenda item involved an update on the issue of Bioterrorism as it relates to Health Departments. The Board agreed that an update by Emergency Management personnel was warranted in order to enlighten them on the programs in place should an incident occur. The Health Officer will enlist a speaker for the next meeting scheduled for March 11th at 7PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2003

Following a picture-taking session, the January monthly meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. All members were in attendance with the exception of Richard Petruske. It was reported by Joanne Slade that Richard is ill and will probably miss the February meeting as well. A card stating get well wishes from the Board has been forwarded.

The first order of business was a review of the monthly reports for November and December. Questions were raised by the Board regarding the lead in the drinking water of the Township schools. The Health Officer explained in detail the test results and the remediation efforts that are in place. Sharon Starr volunteered to contact the Philadelphia Lead Department to determine the various ways in which lead can get into the drinking water for the general enlightenment of the Board.

The second order of business was to ascertain the goals of the Board of Health for the Body Piercing Ordinance. The discussion opened with Dr. Reed stating the question raised by the Township Manager – Should body art/body piercing be prohibited except in a Doctor's Office? The reaction from the Board was – if prohibited, it may force the practice underground; it may force the youth to travel to Philadelphia where body art is readily available; prohibiting is limiting entrepreneurial success instead of protecting the youth of the township. Following this discussion, the Board's decision was - prohibiting except in a doctor's office is not the best means of addressing this issue. An ordinance with guidelines is needed provided the positive points of an ordinance do not outweigh the negative points. In order to make this determination, a list was created of the positives and negatives with assistance from Dr. Reife.

Positives

No higher authority

No legal standards

Safeguards populations & prevents spread of disease

Sets standards & may set example to other communities

Negatives

Means of enforcement & monitoring ✓

Infringement of freedom of expression ✓

Forces underground or going elsewhere

The Board then looked at means of addressing the negative aspects of the ordinance. Enforcement and Monitoring

The discussion: Since the best enforcement is prevention, a prevention program should be put into the schools of the township in the elementary grades and possibly through another program, such as the DARE Program.

There should be a stiff penalty for any unauthorized business and/or licensed business that does not adhere to the licensing requirements. The exact amount of a fine will be discussed with the Township Solicitor. Guidance from the Solicitor will be sought as to Punitive Assessment.

Formulate a licensing procedure consisting of the following:

- Certificate of Health required
- Appearance before the BOH to substantiate application, credentials and knowledge of sanitation procedures
- During licensing procedure, a BOH member may accompany the Health Officer (this will be discussed with the Solicitor)
- The exception to licensing is a licensed physician
- The license will be a picture license

An application for a license must be created using the requirements of the ordinance as the guide. It must also be formulated to emphasize health, not zoning, and to promote health and prevent disease.

An inspection form is also needed and each Board member agreed to study the ordinance and to submit a listing of issues that need to be addressed during the inspection process. It must emphasize the criteria for licensing. The Board members agreed to work on these issues and submit their work at the next BOH meeting in February.

The next order of business was to determine a date and time when the BOH could meet with the Township Solicitor, Gil High. A date & time that was acceptable for the majority of Board members was Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 7:30PM. The Solicitor will be contacted by the Secretary to determine if this date and time is acceptable to him.

The final order of business was a discussion on vaccination requirements and religious exemption in the daycare setting. Additional information will be obtained and the discussion will continue at the February BOH meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joanne Slade, Secretary to the Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

A meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was held on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 7 PM with all members of the Board in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed, who then turned the meeting over to Joanne Slade, Health Officer for Upper Dublin Township. The following agenda issues were reviewed and discussed:

- The monthly report for October
 - Questions were raised by the Board regarding the Salmonella incident that was investigated at SaladWorks. Details of the investigation were given along with the options that were presented to the facility as ways of preventing any future problems.
 - The renovations that are in progress at the Dresher Shop 'n Bag were discussed along with existing concerns, the main one being the limited available space for the multiple food products to be offered.
 - West Nile Virus Update
An explanation was given on the course of action taken following notification by DEP of the positive mosquito pool discovered at the Loch Alsh Reservoir. A sample of the notice was presented to the Board for its review. The question was raised by Dr. Reed as to the type of treatment that is done when positive mosquito pools are discovered. Since the Health Officer was not able to provide an answer to this inquiry, this question will be presented at the forthcoming West Nile Virus Year-End Meeting on November 25, 2002.
 - Bioterrorism
A report was given on the meeting of the Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Bioterrorism Working Group that was attended on October 30th at Hahnemann University. Following the report, the Board members felt that it was important for them to have ID Cards with the Township seal displayed since ID is important in the event of any health related incident including stopping the sale of tobacco to minors. The Health Officer will investigate this request.
 - Communicable Disease Report was discussed. Included in the discussion was the increase of Pertussis and Tuberculosis cases and the overuse and dependency on antibiotics. Protecting health information was also voiced as a concern and the importance of HIPAA was relayed to the Board by Dr. Reed and Sharon Starr. It was noted that a meeting on UNDERSTANDING HIPAA is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at the Best Western Hotel, 11580 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia.
- An update was given on the review status of the ordinance addressing Body Art that was submitted to the Township's solicitor, Gil High. A copy of the memo that was attached to the ordinance was reviewed. It was noted that in the minutes from the Public Safety Meeting it was stated that discussion of this ordinance would be tabled until such time as the Health Officer can be present. Since the

Health Officer is unable to be present at the December meeting of the Public Safety Committee, Dr. Reed invited the members of the Board of Health to attend the meeting on December 3rd at 7:30 PM in order to answer any questions that the Public Safety Committee would have. Dr. Reed will also contact the solicitor, Gil High, to determine the status of the ordinance since the Board of Health feels strongly that this ordinance should move forward. Information on body piercing received from the Public Health Convention by board member, Sharon Starr, will be copied and distributed to all Board members.

- An update was given on Montgomery County Health Department's proposal for health related services. A newspaper article was distributed in which the Township stated its decision to not join the county health department at this time.
- Miscellaneous Issues
Dr. Reed decided that there would not be a meeting in December unless an emergency surfaced. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2003 at 7PM. in a meeting room yet to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM followed by a tour of the recently completed meeting rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
OCTOBER, 2002**

A meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2002, at 7PM with all members, except Richard Petruscke, in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed who then turned the meeting over to Joanne Slade for a review and explanation of September's monthly report. Each item on the report was addressed followed by limited discussion and questions.

The next item on the agenda was An Update on Montgomery County Health Department's Proposal to offer Services to Upper Dublin Township. A letter was read by Joanne Slade that was received from John Miraglia, Deputy Director of Environmental Health Services for MCHD. The letter stated the desire of MCHD to take over all public health services for the Township by dissolving the Board of Health and the Health Officer's position and renaming each as the Board of Public Safety and Public Safety Officer. The reaction of the Board was that it had a very threatening tone with multiple issues used as the basis for the threats. As a follow-up to this letter, a report was discussed of a meeting that was attended by Joanne Slade and Paul Leonard with the Director of MCHD, Dr. Joseph DiMino. A lengthy discussion followed addressing ACT 315- THE LOCAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION LAW; the county's responsibility in the investigation of infectious disease outbreaks; the execution of a solid Crisis Communication Plan; planning for a terrorist event and/or tragedy- all areas that Dr. DiMino used as the basis for his threat to withhold services. The final decision of the Board of Health was there appears to be no benefit to the Township in joining the MCHD at this time. The County appears to reap a monetary benefit of \$6/Upper Dublin Township Resident. Dr. Reed advised each member of the Board to speak to his/her commissioner and relay his/her feelings concerning this issue. It was also suggested that the Commissioners on the Public Safety Committee be approached to determine if they would like to schedule a meeting with the Board of Health to further discuss this issue.

The next issue on the agenda was a Review of Ordinances addressing Body Art. Regulations from South Carolina and Philadelphia were reviewed and discussed. There was much concern over the issue of communicable disease. It was ultimately decided that a copy of the South Carolina regulations should be forwarded to Gil High's office for his review as well as to Commissioners Derr and Tackel.

A report on Community Day and the response to the Board of Health's booth was given as being very positive. Dr. Reife was thanked for his help in obtaining very nice give-aways from McNeil Company as was Richard Petruscke who also was able to obtain materials for us. The game was a success but the informational materials, of which there was much, was not picked up as anticipated.

As a final issue, it was determined that the November meeting would be held on Thursday, November 14th due to a problem with personal schedules.

There being not further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.


Joanne Slade, Secretary

Cc: Board of Commissioners
Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

A meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at 7PM with all members of the Board in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed who welcomed new Board members, Dr. Ross Reife and Deborah Crowe. Each member introduced himself/herself along with some background information in order to acquaint the new members with the Board. Following Dr. Reed's explanation of the function and purpose of the Board of Health, the meeting was turned over to the Health Officer to review and discuss the monthly reports for July and August. The following issues were discussed in detail:

- Lack of vaccination of cats and wounds of unknown origin – This complete topic was discussed with many questions presented by the Board. Dr. Reed and Joanne Slade then spoke on feral cats and the relatively new amendment to the animal ordinance outlining feeding of feral cats.
- Inspection of public pools and camps – The program was outlined and numerous questions were answered re chlorine and pH and their relationship for safe water quality.
- Health Fair in North Hills – The demographics in North Hills as it relates to the Health Center and the value of Health Fairs in general was discussed since the possibility of having health monitoring stations at Mondauk Park on a Saturday morning in the Spring was raised. The Board was not in favor of such an activity based on a number of reasons, such as no follow-up monitoring, lack of interest and need, inaccurate results obtained during exercise, litigation possibilities etc.

Two newspaper articles were reviewed by the Board and a discussion followed. Dr. Reed was concerned that inaccurate information is presented prior to any clarification of the facts. The result is an upset and concerned public. The one article stated that municipalities not under the jurisdiction of Montgomery County Health have to pay to have birds tested. This is not true as stated by Joanne Slade. Many birds collected within the Township have been taken to Norristown for shipment to the State Lab for testing without any cost incurred by the Township. The article further stated that vaccines, if needed, would be available only to those municipalities under the county's jurisdiction. Dr. Reed addressed this issue by using the flu vaccine program as an example. No one is questioned or asked to provide proof of residency when requesting the flu vaccine since vaccine programs are supported through state funding, which in turn is taxpayers' dollars. The discussion continued on smallpox vaccinations with the pros and cons reviewed. The Board took exception to an article quoting the new director of the Montgomery County Health Department in which his attitude towards a mass vaccination for smallpox appeared to be very arrogant. Dr. Reed will draft a rebuttal to the article addressing birds and vaccine distribution and submit it to the Ambler Gazette.

The status of the West Nile Surveillance Program was given by Joanne Slade. Dr. Abramson shared copied information on the topic with the Board.


A Health Alert received from the State Health Department on Listeria was discussed along with the reaction to the alert. Dr. Abramson shared copied information with the Board.

The topic of Body Art was discussed in great detail. Dr. Reife shared an ordinance with the Board that he received from North Carolina. A textbook on the topic received by Joanne Slade from the National Environmental Health Association was shared with the Board. Dr. Reed is going to investigate the issue further by contacting Representative McGill's office to determine if there are any regulations forthcoming from the state. If not, the Board felt that further study of this issue is warranted due to the popularity of body art and the illegal operations that appear to be surfacing, with one operating within the Township. Board members will attempt to determine the site of the operation. Since there are no regulations, zoning regulations would be implemented to close it.

Community Day was discussed. The activity will be related to Food Safety. Mr. BAC (Bacteria) will be the backdrop for the bean bag toss. Much information on numerous environmental topics will be available. Dr. Reife will forward the name of the person at Johnson & Johnson who is responsible for community relations and possibly some freebies to distribute.

It was not determined if there would be a Board of Health meeting in October. Dr. Reed will be in contact with the secretary to the Board. The Board was asked to reserve the second Tuesday of each month although a meeting may not be held every month. Notification to Board members will be by regular mail as well as e-mail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM


Joanne Slade, Secretary
Board of Health

Cc: Board of Commissioners
Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JUNE, 2002

The Board of Health of Upper Dublin Township met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 7PM. Those members in attendance were Dr. Carl Abramson, Dr. David Reed, Christopher Genell, and Sharon Starr. The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Reed. The following issues were discussed:

Cats not getting vaccinated- Since it appears that cat owners are not as vigilant to have their cats vaccinated and to keep the vaccination current, additional reminders may be necessary. Use of the cable TV and the web site were suggested. Information should also be distributed at Community Day and at the Police National Night Out on August 5th. Some of the information addressing rabies was shown to the Board by the Health Officer. A reminder notice will be put on to cable TV.

The criteria for declaring a dog to be dangerous was discussed followed by a discussion and review of certain aspects of the PA Dog Laws. As follow-up, the guidelines that were developed "SO YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN" and "SO YOUR PET'S BEEN BITTEN" were shown to the Board. It was suggested that Dr. Horwitz look them over and critique them. The Board would also like to see the State Dog Warden meet with the new police officers to review the Dog Law as well as some other issues relative to animals. The Health Officer agreed to contact Officer Murphy who is in charge of scheduling such programs.

All Board members were glad to hear that the newly appointed police officers were administered the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Dr. Abramson elaborated on the importance of such a program.

An update was given by the Health Officer on the situation at 502 West Office Center Drive. The Board felt in a similar situation OSHA should be involved from the start since the problem was within a commercial operation. All agreed that having an environmental company and not the township determine that the building was safe to enter, was the correct way to proceed. Chris Genell, Environmental advisor, praised the involvement of multiple governmental agencies such as EPA, DEP, and OSHA. There were additional questions and inquisition into this issue with the Health Officer addressing all concerns. In the end, all appeared satisfied with the way in which the situation was handled.

There was much concern regarding the incident at 440 Logan Avenue involving an elderly man living in deplorable conditions. The Board questioned how something like this exists and offered suggestions to prevent such a situation from happening again. Some of those suggestions included involving the Church (Antioch Baptist), involving the Health Center, the Police, and neighbors. Get the word out that we want to know of people in need. The services offered by Aging and Adult was discussed. Suggestions were given as to where furniture could be obtained for this house since it is rehabilitated. Some suggestions were:
UD Lutheran Church - One House at a Time - contact Faith Fenderson (215-646-7812)

Aid for Friends - Northeast Philadelphia

St Vincent de Paul Society

Who So Ever Gospel in Germantown

The Health Officer agreed to contact some of these organizations. An offer to donate a TV was made by Sharon Starr. The Health Officer will check with the family to determine if one is needed.

A review of the Cancer Cluster Study was done. The statistics were discussed as they related to neighboring townships. The Board requested that Suet Lim, statistician for the MCHD, be contacted to determine the status of the study and if a problem truly exists. The Health Officer will do a followup.

Dr Horwitz was contacted regarding the Electric Fence issue. He suggested that a fence company be contacted in order to obtain more information. He did not feel that the fence should be up to the property line since there is no guarantee that a dog won't go thru it. Motivation and pain threshold of the dog are two things that cannot be calculated. This information was relayed to the Board since Dr. Horwitz was unable to attend the meeting. The board's attitude was they did not want to pursue this issue.

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Plans for Community Day in October were discussed. The Health Officer relayed if volunteers are not available to help with the bean toss game, the booth will only be an informational booth and not an activity booth since it is too difficult for one person to do everything. Samples of all materials to be distributed will be available for the Board to preview at the September meeting.

An update was given by the Health Officer on the West Nile Virus Program; the National Environmental Health Convention; the North Hills Health Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM with agreement by all present that a meeting would not be held in July or August since the majority of Board members had travel and vacation plans. If an emergency surfaced, an emergency meeting could be called at any time. The next scheduled meeting will be in September.

**Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health**

**Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
May, 2002**

The Board of Health of Upper Dublin Township met on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 7PM. All members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. David Reed. The following issues were discussed:

A resident Frank Lucci was bitten by a dog that was running loose. Since the dog did not appear to be a stray, he opted not to receive the rabies vaccination series. The board voiced some concern over this decision. The Health Officer relayed that not only was he contacted by phone but she also met with him and discussed the complete issue. When he was adamant about not receiving the shots, a letter was written to document and to place full responsibility on him. The Board felt that it was important that the letter was written and requested a copy of it.

An update was given of the informational meeting attended on West Nile Virus. New brochures were viewed. Ways and means of educating the public were discussed. It was agreed that distribution of the brochures should be as extensive as possible. The health officer will place them in the library, the post office, doctor offices, banks, grocery stores, retirement centers, daycare centers. Dr. Abramson and Dr Reed educated the board on the symptoms of encephalitis. Questions and discussion followed.

The board questioned why the issue of junk cars was handled by a health officer. They did not feel that it was a health issue.

The full scope of Certification for food handlers was discussed. Since the health officer is an instructor at Montgomery County Community College, the board wanted to know the details of the program. This issue was discussed for the remaining time of the meeting. The Board strongly supported such a program and commended the involvement of the health officer.

Concern was voiced regarding public swimming pools. Exactly what the monitoring consisted of was questioned. When the health officer explained in detail all that is done to ensure the safety of the public pools, the Board was pleased and relieved and stated as such. Both Dr Reed and Dr Abramson stressed the importance of having such a monitoring program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The next scheduled meeting will be June 11, 2002.

Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
April, 2002

The meeting of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Health was called to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 by President, Dr. David Reed. All members of the Board were in attendance. It was determined by Dr Reed that Bioterrorism must be discussed. To aid in this discussion, the following booklet was obtained and distributed to each member prior to the meeting in order to enhance the discussion.

BIOTERRORISM – “Elements of Effective Bioterrorism Preparedness” was used as the guideline for the discussion of this topic since it is a planning primer for local public health agencies. Those topics discussed included Preparedness and Response at the Local Level, The Essential Public Health Services and Putting the Services into action.

There were no additional issues discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held May 14, 2002 at 7PM

Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MARCH, 2002**

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order on March 12, 2002 at 7PM by President, Dr. David Reed. Those in attendance included Dr. Reed, Dr. Horwitz, Dr. Abramson, Richard Petruske. The following was discussed:

Mold – Dr. Abramson and R. Petruske enlightened the Board on various aspects of this issue. The situation involving a resident was discussed in full detail. The health officer brought the fact that there are no standards for mold to everyone's attention.

Second Hand Smoke – The health officer was notified of this problem existing at Fort Washington Estates. The full scope of the problem was relayed to the Board. Dr Reed relayed some stories involving patients that were affected by second hand smoke. It was agreed by all present that this issue should be brought to the forefront especially when children are involved. The health officer agreed to secure brochures and other educational materials on smoking from the State Health Department. These materials will be available at upcoming events. The UDHS nurse will be contacted to determine the need at the HS level, as well as at the middle school. The Board was informed that request for such materials is not received immediately but in some cases might take months before it is received. It was agreed that if and when it is received, it would be distributed.

The course of action was discussed for the Pet Show coming to the Expo Center. Hand washing signage will be required as will No Food signage. The location of the petting zoo must be in the immediate area of the bathrooms. The health officer will make certain that these requirements are met. As follow-up to this issue, Dr Abramson spoke in length on E coli 0157-H7.

Horse Manure and Odor – This issue was discussed with Dr Reed leading the discussion based on his knowledge and experience with farming. Since residents on Meadowbrook Avenue are being troubled by the odors emanating from horses on Cedar, the Board offered suggestions as to ways and means of alleviating such a problem. It was further suggested the DEP be contacted for guidelines on getting rid of manure. Another concern was water contamination if the manure is buried.

The statistics on Rabies were discussed in detail. It was noted that Upper Dublin is #9 both in # of victims as well as # of biting animals. Dr Horwitz offered insight into rabies and biting animals.

The topic of a Health Fair was tabled. It was felt that it is best to have a Health Fair in the fall. This item will be discussed at the September meeting since there is no meeting held in July or August.

There being no further issues, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM. A meeting is scheduled for April at which time Bioterrorism will be discussed. Booklets received were distributed to those present so that preparation can be done for the April meeting.

Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
FEBRUARY, 2002**

The Board of Health Meeting for February 12, 2002 was canceled since Dr Reed and Richard Petruske were the only members in attendance. Dr Reed suggested that written notice along with e-mail be used to notify the members of all meetings since some members may not check their e-mail on a routine basis. Dr. Reed questioned the Health Officer if there was any issue of importance that warranted a special meeting. Since there was not, it was agreed that the next scheduled meeting would be on March 12, 2002.

Joanne Slade, Secretary
Upper Dublin Township Board of Health