

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2017

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair
Debra Kraft
Jerry Potts

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Greg Collins, VA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Matt Brown
Rachel Joy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the May 25, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Potts and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Potts made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 4-0.

ZONING – None

SUBDIVISIONS –

Minor Subdivision: Dresback Estates: 2 Lot Minor

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is located in Oakley Township. The owners are Gary Dresback, Velma Dresback-Cox, & Loren Dresback. It is located at 4177 Stare Road and is zoned RE-5, Single Family Estate. Lot 1 is 2 acres. Lot 2 is 3.17 acres. That is a total of 5.71 acres. The City has approved, staff has reviewed and recommends approval.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Potts and the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Veteran's Assistance –

Mr. Collins reported on the Help for Heroes program. This year, 52 fans, 27 cooling towels and an air conditioner for a veteran with cancer have been given away via private donations. There are new flyers and T shirts available.

Environmental Management -

I have 3 topics to briefly report on today:

First, regarding our enforcement program. The Delegation Agreement budget for the State's fiscal year that begins July 1st has been approved by the IEPA and we can expect to be reimbursed for approximately 70% of our expenses. Also, I wanted to let you know that Nick Burge, our department's Recycling Specialist, is being trained so that he can also soon become an IEPA certified inspector for the delegated program.

Second, regarding our Electronics Collection program. This year's second collection, which was on Saturday, June 10th was again held at the Decatur Civic Center. We collected over 34,000 pounds of electronics from 275 residents. We are grateful to the Macon County Probation Officers, who again brought in dozens of community service workers and ran the unloading zone for us. Our next Electronics Collection is a small-scale event on Saturday, July 8th at our Recycling Center. Please encourage others to register for this upcoming event.

Lastly, a brief update regarding the coalition for the Mahomet Aquifer. It has been reorganized with a new name, the Mahomet Aquifer Advocacy Alliance. Macon County has become a member – at no cost. Under the re-organization only the Executive Committee representatives pay fees. The main priority of the Alliance is to preserve the Mahomet Aquifer through research, legislative advocacy and public engagement.

Health Department –

Ms. Heyer reported that the Health Department staff members had participated in the employee Benefits Fair recently held at the County Office Building. Information was provided on West Nile Virus, Zika, immunizations, children & family and senior services.

Another bedbug meetings was held. A lot more of the community partners were invited. Attendance was good. A big community forum with a speaker to address the issue will be invited. Macon County is not the only one dealing with the problem. Bedbugs have made resurgence in recent years and becoming quite a problem.

An increase in school immunizations is seen during the summer. Parents are encouraged not to wait until the school year starts to get them. The Health Department will be open on Saturday, August 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for school immunizations in conjunction with the jump start on school physicals that First Christian Church and Crossing Healthcare are doing.

There have been two reports of mosquito batches testing positive for West Nile Virus. There have been no reports of positive birds or cases in humans. The surveillance system lets us know we have West Nile Virus in the area affecting mosquitos and that precautions are needed such as reduction in the areas of standing water, use of mosquito repellent and appropriate clothing and reporting standing water and dead birds.

Ms. Heyer recently attended a gathering of community members to address the issue of childhood maltreatment. Our numbers for the community are pretty high and the community is coming together to address it and make a difference for these kids.

Animal Control

Ms. Horton reported that this weekend is the Pets & Patriots event at the shelter. It is a combination of celebrating our veterans and active service members and the annual birthday

party for the pets. There will be a big party with a flag ceremony, cake & cookies, raffles, etc. She invited everyone to stop by.

The next weekend, the shelter may need to be closed because Parkway Drive is being torn out and redone.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Mental Health-no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Regional Office of Education – no report

Citizen’s Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – July 27, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the motion carried 4-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham