

**Board of Health  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010  
Council Office**

**Members Attending:** E. Kimball, J. Webb, J. Wong, K. Rearden, J. Reber

**Others Attending:** T. Butler, J. Hassel

**Call to Order**

Dr. Kimball called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

**Agenda and Minutes**

Dr. Kimball called the Board's attention to the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The minutes were moved, seconded and were approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Health Officer's Report**

Dr. Hassel stated that there were 102 restaurant inspections, 10 lead inspections, 2 handicapped parking applications were approved and 0 immunizations were completed.

**Bernhart's Park**

Dr. Kimball read a letter sent to the Reading Eagle Editor from a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who was pleading for the remediation of the park. Dr. Hassel stated that he sent all available materials to Muhlenberg Township through an employee/contact of his office. Dr. Kimball stated that Steve Landes, Muhlenberg Township Manager, has empowered the Board to act on behalf of the Township.

Dr. Kimball again stated that she, Dr. Wong, Mr. Vaughn Spencer, Council President, Ms. Linda Kelleher, City Clerk, Ms. Deb Hoag, Utilities Division Manager, Ms. Michelle Kircher, County Commissioners Office, Mr. Steven Landes, Muhlenberg Township Manager, Mr. David Beane, member of the City's EAC, Mr. Steven Wheeler, legal representation, Exide officials, PA DEP officials, and representatives from Representative Gerlach, Senator Casey and Senator Specter's offices met in Allentown to discuss Exide's remediation plan for Bernhart's Park. At this meeting, the EPA distributed a work plan. The City representatives have been meeting to develop a response to the work plan. They have asked for and received an extension until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Dr. Kimball read through the "Third Draft" of the response and received feedback from the Board.

There were two primary concerns that Dr. Kimball brought up to the Board. First, Dr. Kimball asked PinnacleHealth to test the lead levels of the children who live around the Dam. After much insistence and help from Dr. Hassel, PinnacleHealth will conduct lead testing on May 8, 2010 from 10-2 at Saylor Farms Development. Dr. Kimball was asking for help in circulating the flyers regarding this testing. Adults can be tested at Quest Diagnostics Inc. at the Fairgrounds Square Mall location. There is a flyer detailing the information regarding this testing as well.

Second, Deb Hoag is hoping to pick areas that are not being remediated to use as core samples to conduct testing. There has not been any testing since 2001. Although Exide's production was down from 2007 - 2009, Exide has put more lead in the air since 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Tonya Butler, Legal Specialist*