

BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

April 12, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Arthur Bregoli, Chairman
Laurie Melchionda, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Bregoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2018.

Second By: Dr. Bregoli

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Request for Variance for Lifeguard Provision:

- a. Devon Wood Condominiums-1 Devon Common Lane
(Tabled from March 15, 2018 meeting)

Present: Lauren Campbell, Assistant Property Manager

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this agenda item was tabled at the March 15, 2018 Meeting due to specific language that was contained within the variance request letter from Devon Wood Condominium that they would “ like the ability to operate without a lifeguard on occasion”, as they have done in past years. The Board requested more information on what they meant by operating without a lifeguard.

Ms. McGrath advised that within the Board’s packet is more specific information about the pool operation, as follows:

- a listing of the entire pool log for 2017 with each day, what day of the week it was and how many people entered the pool enclosure;
- a lifeguard schedule calendar from May 2017 through September 2017 when lifeguards were on duty each day, who they were and what their hours were;
- colored chart showing bather load each day in 2017.

Dr. Bregoli advised that based on the way that the brief variance request letter was written and submitted to the Board regarding lifeguards, without the supporting documentation that has now been submitted, they had questions and concerns. They can now see based on the additional

documentation submitted that there were lifeguards on duty every day of operation within the pool enclosure.

Ms. McGrath advised that Lauren Campbell, the Assistant Property Manager is present this evening to speak on what the establishment means by “operate without a lifeguard on occasion”. The establishment has clearly established that they have had lifeguards on duty through the pool operating season, Sunday through Saturday.

Ms. Campbell advised the Board that on most days of the pool operating season that they had two lifeguards on duty. There was only one day in September 2017, when only one resident came to the pool enclosure to sit on the decking and read. There was no lifeguard on duty, and Ms. Campbell observed the resident from the office/club house during their time at the pool.

Ms. McGrath asked Ms. Campbell to outline when an occasion may occur when they would not have a lifeguard on duty, such as for example if a lifeguard called in sick.

Ms. Campbell advised that on occasion if a lifeguard called in sick, then she would call in a backup lifeguard to cover, or have one of the staff within the pool enclosure with the sign up sheet. She advised that as the residents get older, most of the time they just sit in a chair on the decking and not go into the pool, but they would still have lifeguards on duty within the pool enclosure whether a resident was in the water or not. They want to have the variance approved, should an emergency situation occur for a short period of time during a day when they are not able to have a backup lifeguard available to work a specific timeframe. They also have the required warning signs within the pool enclosure.

Mrs. Melchionda and Dr. Bregoli advised that the additional documentation provided by the establishment, and Ms. Campbell’s attendance at this meeting to offer further explanation of the lifeguard scheduling definitely cleared up the questions and concerns raised by the Board previously.

Ms. Campbell advised that she will more clearly explain their request in the letter for variance of the lifeguard provision, in the future.

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the variance request by the establishment, as outlined.

Second By: Dr. Bregoli

- b. Turtle Crossing Condominiums-501 Commerce Drive
(Tabled from March 15, 2018 meeting)

Present: Susan Ebersole, Property Manager

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this agenda item was tabled at the March 15, 2018 meeting to gather more information about the lifeguard variance request.

Ms. McGrath advised that within the Board’s packet is more specific information about the pool operation, as follows:

-a more specific history listing of the entire pool log for 2017 with each day, what day of the week it was and how many residents entered the pool enclosure and who they were during specific timeframes of the day.

Ms. McGrath advised that the previous log submitted for the March 15, 2018 meeting did not provide specific resident usage information because the computerized key card system showed all resident and management/facility maintenance staff entry into the pool enclosure. She advised that Ms. Ebersole was able to provide a more specific resident history pool entry log for 2017.

Ms. Ebersole advised the Board that the establishment does have lifeguards on weekends and holidays, but not during the weekdays of Monday through Friday, which is what the variance request is for. She also advised that the pool and pool enclosure is attached to the clubhouse building. The clubhouse has windows facing the pool enclosure, so staff has a direct visual of who is within the pool enclosure. All residents must go through the clubhouse using their keycard to enter the clubhouse and also the pool enclosure. The establishment also has the required warning signage within the pool enclosure area.

The Board advised that the additional documentation and information provided by Ms. Ebersole was very helpful in clearing up questions and concerns that they had about the variance request.

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the variance request by the establishment, as outlined.

Second By: Dr. Bregoli

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Household Hazardous Waste Day/Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that the Household Hazardous Waste Day/Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018 from 9am-12 noon at 90 Pond Street. She will be in attendance at this event collecting prescription/non-prescription drugs and SHARPS collection.

3. Annual Rabies Clinic

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that the annual rabies clinic is scheduled on Saturday May 5, 2018 from 10am to 12 noon at Town Hall.

Ms. McGrath also advised that the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District is conducting aerial larvicide application of large wetland areas in Braintree by helicopter between April 17 through April 28, 2018, weather permitting.

Ms. McGrath also updated the Board to advise that the Town Council recently voted to completely ban all recreational marijuana in Braintree.

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Second By: Dr. Bregoli