



## Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 -5:30 PM

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### 1) Call to Order

Mayor Kessler called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

### 2) Roll Call of Members

**Board of Health Members in Attendance:** Dr. Stephanie McClure, Kathleen Gravelle, Dr. Beth Whitted, Dr. Abby Norris Turner

**Others in Attendance:** Mayor Ben Kessler, Council Liaison Danny Hurley, Executive Assistant Natalie Vawter, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Hrdlicka; Alex Jones, Franklin County Public Health

### 3) Old Business

No old business

### 4) New Business

#### A. Mayor's Update on Tobacco Legislation Lawsuit

Mayor Kessler shared an update on the current City of Columbus lawsuit against recent State of Ohio tobacco legislation, which is anticipated to potentially result in a stay against said legislation. Several Board Members, Councilman Hurley, Mayor Kessler, and Ms. Jones discussed this matter for a few minutes.

#### B. Discussion on helmet laws – Councilman Hurley

Councilman Hurley spoke about recent research and work he's done on existing laws in Bexley relating to bicycle helmets and opportunities for improvement to this

legislation to increase child bicycle safety in the City. Councilman Hurley invited Board Members to offer any feedback they could think of. Ms. Gravelle asked about the choice of 16 as an age and Dr. Whitted asked about potential helmet giveaways, which Mr. Hurley answered. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information on helmet giveaways as well and everyone discussed this for a few more minutes.

**5) Quarterly Reports**

- A. Health Systems and Planning (1)
- B. Environmental Health (2)
- C. Prevention and Wellness (3)

Ms. Jones covered the highlights of each report, and Board Members asked a few clarifying and follow up questions that were answered by Mr. Hrdlicka and Mayor Kessler. Mayor Kessler also shared about electric mowers and an upcoming teen entrepreneurial program that will be announced soon.

**6) Date of Next Meeting**

- A. July 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm

**7) Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.