

Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

Minutes from July 22, 2014

In attendance: Tom Muething, Bill Doering, Natalie Wolf, Ed Hattenbach, Mary Ellen Kramer (Hamilton County Public Health), Ray Warren, Scot Lahrmer, Merrie Stillpass, Michelle Kirschner

Chair, Natalie Wolf called the meeting to order at 4:00. The first agenda item was WeTHRIVE! Chair Wolf presented a slide show that was previously presented to council in 2012 at the conclusion of the WeTHRIVE grant period. The slide show highlighted the purpose and process of WeTHRIVE, of which Amberley Village was a recipient of a \$24,000 mini-grant. One requirement of receiving the grant was that Amberley had to complete a "Change Tool" which identified areas in the community related to chronic disease where money could be spent to make improvements.

WeTHRIVE and Hamilton County Public Health are asking communities that were previous WeTHRIVE grant recipients to revisit and update the Change Tool, as well as pass a Resolution that would 1) reestablish a WeTHRIVE team that would be responsible for evaluating current community health and wellness, 2) focus on one designated Wellness Pathway, and 3) designate a representative to participate in WeTHRIVE Learning Collaborative sessions facilitated by Hamilton County Public Health.

Tom Muething volunteered to review the provided Resolution draft. The committee will meet again before the August council meeting to designate a WeTHRIVE team and discuss the Resolution further.

The next agenda item was Pedestrian Safety. The Streets committee has previously agreed that any surplus from the Street Program would be designated for pedestrian safety improvements. It was noted that Losantiville School is once again being utilized as an elementary school and a high school. Mary Ellen Kramer suggested that Safe Routes to School be investigated again to investigate whether there can be funding in the context of a private school within Amberley Village since Amberley does not maintain its own school district. Resident Michelle Kirschner spoke about the need to upgrade the safety of Ridge and Section Roads for cyclists. When the committee meets again, Chief Wallace will be invited to attend and address this subject.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Natalie Wolf