

**Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board
Meeting, June 3, 2020
Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Board Members Present:

Edward M. Smith, **Chairman**
Albert Belmont
Lawrence Cohen
William Gehlhaus
Debbie Henderson
Geoff Rogers
Len Turtora

DCA Staff Present:

Carrie Battista, Office of State and Local Code Inspections
Marie Daniels, Code Development Unit
Paul Lamberti, Office of State and Local Code Inspections
Ashraf Tahoun, Carnival-Amusement Ride Safety Unit

Members of the Public:

Lary Zucker, NJAA
Kim Samarelli

A. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

B. Approval of the Minutes of September 20, 2018

Mr. William Gehlhaus made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Len Turtora, to approve the minutes without change. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Old Business

1. Rule proposal, Carnivals and fairs electrical systems, published December 2, 2019, comment period closed.

Mr.

Mr. William Gehlhaus made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Len Turtora, to approve the draft rule without change. The motion carried with five votes in support and one vote in opposition.

2. Rule proposal, Subchapter 15, Aerial Adventure Courses, published January 21, 2020

Mr.

Mr. William Gehlhaus made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Albert Belmont, to approve the draft rule. The motion carried unanimously.

D. New Business

1. Revised Definitions of Types of Injuries for Reporting

Mr. Paul Lamberti introduced the draft rule proposal, which would revise the definitions used for incident reporting. The definitions were taken directly from ASTM F770-18.

A short discussion ensued, which centered around the whether updating the definition would lead to unintended consequences. Namely, if incidents such as needing a bandaid or other first aid of a minor nature would become an issue to be reported to the Department. This could pose an issue where businesses have a higher volume of reports, making it appear that there is a high volume of injuries reported, even if a large number of those are not large issues.

Board members agreed that further review on this issue is needed to ensure there are not unintended consequences.

2. Draft Rule Proposal, Subchapter 11, Go Kart Operations

Mr. Paul Lamberti stated that the draft rule proposal would amend the regulations for Go-Kart Operations. This draft would update the referenced standard, ASTM 42007 from the 2000 edition and the 2018 edition.

Board members discussed the importance of working through the regulations to bring more ASTM standards up to date, as well, and stated support for the plan. A short discussion ensued, and board members agreed to review this item for action at the next meeting.

E. Information:

1. Pandemic Issues

Mr. Paul Lamberti explained that as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Department is looking into refunds for submittals made prior to the partial shut-down of operations throughout the State, which impacted carnival and amusement businesses on a broad level.

F. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

G. Adjournment:

Mr. William Gehlhaus made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Geoff Rogers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

H. Next Scheduled Meeting: September 17, 2020