

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2012
7:30 PM
Conference Room D

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board

Attendees:

Brett Aristegui
Tybe Brett
Joan E. Gibson
Robert Hedin
Kathleen A. Hrabovsky
Pam Scott
Elaine Cappucci, School Board Director
Tom Kelley, Liaison Board & Public Works Director

Absent: Matt Hoover

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Brett.

Public Comment: Maxwell Ernest, a local boy scout, attended the meeting as part of a scout assignment to practice active listening skills. The group welcomed Maxwell and thanked him for attending.

Approval of November 10, 2011 minutes: Joan made a motion to approve the board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Bob Hedin and unanimously approved by the board.

Environmental Team Intern: Abby Lawler Morycz is serving as the intern to the Environmental Team and has scheduled a social event on February 8, 2012 at the Mt. Lebanon Municipal building. All three rooms on the bottom floor of the building will be available and emails have been sent out to members of the Environmental Team and other interested parties. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and run through 9:00 p.m. Chairperson Brett and other board members will be providing additional input at the event and will be holding a planning meeting prior to the event.

Benson Gabler, Manager of Corporate Sustainability at PNC Financial Services will be addressing the group at the February 8, 2012 meeting. Mr. Gabler is charged with the coordination of PNC sustainability strategy. His projects involve operational improvements in waste management, dining services and procurement decisions, as well as, calculating the company's carbon footprint and coordinating its LEED application program. He has a master in business administration and a master of environmental management from Yale University. **Girl Scout 100th Anniversary:** It was also noted that the girl scouts are celebrating their 100th anniversary on February 27, 2012 and will be focusing events around sustainability. Kelly Fraasch is the contact person who can provide additional information on the scout's activities.

Rain Garden/Earth Day: Luke Stamper of Nine Mile Run will be providing a rain barrel and assistances in designing a rain garden near the restroom facility in the Mt. Lebanon Main Park. Tom Kelley will be meeting with Luke and other representatives from Nine Mile Run to review the site and plan for the installation of the rain barrel and the construction of a rain garden. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

Storm Water Issues: Bob Hedin indicated that he had been speaking with Dan Eichenlaub of Eichenlaub Landscaping, and Dan is interested in working in the community to help commercial properties reduce storm water run-off. He is also interested in a storm water project serving Mellon Field. Bob will talk with Dan to see if he is interested in developing the rain garden demo project near the restrooms at the Recreation Center.

Sustainability Pittsburgh Luncheon: The last sustainability luncheon was held in East Liberty and the next one will be held on February 17, 2012 at Monaca. At the East Liberty luncheon Nate Wildfire reviewed projects that had been completed by the East Liberty Development Corporation.

Environmental Award Plaque: Art students at the high school will be completing several Environmental Sustainability Award Plaques which will be on display at the meeting on February 8, 2012. The plaques will remain on display in the Municipal Building at a location to be determined.

High School Project: The ground breaking for the high school project is on January 26, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. and construction equipment will be coming onto the site the following week.

Board & Authority Annual Input Form: A detailed report describing the activities and accomplishments of the Environmental Sustainability Board was completed and presented to Marcia Taylor.

Pesticide Proposal: Chairperson Brett distributed a draft policy regarding notice of pesticide applications by the municipality. The board reviewed the policy which would recommend that the commission adopt a consistent policy for notifying residents about the application of any pesticide as defined in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act by the Municipality of its contractors. A copy of the draft policy is attached to these minutes.

Ordinance Prohibiting Composting: The municipality by ordinance has stopped composting at the Golf Course and the Robb Hollow sites. This issue will be tabled for now.

Report of the Environmental Team Website: Brett is serving as the webmaster for the Environmental Team's website. He is making changes to the website using free tools that are easy to upgrade and will allow posting new information in links. The cost associated with operating the website will be paid from recycling funds escrowed by the municipality.

Fund Raising/501 (c) (3): This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Grant Proposals: The municipality was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Local Government Academy that will be used to update the 2010 Mt. Lebanon Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan, Prioritization of strategizes developed in the climate action

plan and education & dissemination of climate act plan to the general public. Additional information on the grant will be provided at the next meeting.

Report on School Board Agendas: Nothing to report at this time.

Report on Commission Agendas: Nothing to report at this time. Matt Hoover was absent from the meeting.

Institutionalizing the Inventory: This will be handled by the Environmental Team, and this item will be removed from future agendas.

Other Old Business: Building Codes, nothing reported at this time.

Other New Business: Nothing reported at this time.

Adjournment: Chairperson Brett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. which was seconded by Bob Hedin and unanimously approved.