

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2012
7:30 PM
Conference Room D

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board

Attendees:

Brett Aristegui
Tybe Brett
Robert Hedin
Kathleen A. Hrabovsky
Pam Scott
Tom Kelley, Liaison Board & Public Works Director
Kristen Linfante, Commission Liaison
Elaine Cappucci, School Board Director

Absent:

Joan E. Gibson
Matt Hoover

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Brett.

Public Comment: No public comment was made at the meeting. Only board members, liaisons and the golf course manager, Dave Boal, were in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of January 12, 2012 minutes: Bob Hedin noted that there was a misspelled word and made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted providing that the spelling was corrected. Brett Aristegui seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

New Business: Chairperson Brett has been the chairperson of the Environmental Sustainability Board for the past three years and indicated that someone else should be given the chairperson opportunity. She made a motion to appoint Bob Hedin as the new chairperson of the Environmental Sustainability Board which was seconded by Pam Scott, and unanimously approved. Both Tybe Brett and Joan Gibson's terms on the Environmental Sustainability Board will be ending in February. Tybe indicated that her and Joan might work on 501 (c) (3) opportunities and stay somewhat involved with the board however; they are not interested in remaining on the board as full-time members. The school district and the municipality will advertise on the website and in local newspapers to find qualified candidates interested in serving on the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board. Chairperson Hedin indicated that perhaps notices could be sent to the candidates who were interested in serving on the board when it was established back in 2009. February 20, 2012 is the municipality's deadline for filing resumes for the open board position.

Welcome new Commission Liaison: Kristen Linfante, Commission from the 3rd Ward, is the Commission Liaison to the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board. She indicated her

interest in the mission of the board and is looking forward to working with board members and residents.

Pesticide Notification Recommendation: Chairperson Brett had prepared a draft recommendation to the commission requesting that the commission adopt a consistent policy for notifying residents about the application of any pesticides as defined by the FIFRA Act. The municipality follows the current state guidelines, and all applications are made by licensed and trained applicators. The board recommendation would require the municipality to implement a policy that is stricter than current law requires. David Boal, Golf Course Manager, attended the meeting and described the pesticide applications at the golf course. He talked about the types of applications that were made and stated that all applications are made by Department of Agriculture Certified Personnel, and that the DEP list for notifying hypersensitive individuals is consulted before any applications are made. Residents working in the municipal garden plots also apply pesticides and Mr. Boal inquired as to how the garden plots would be handled. He indicated that he could post on a bulletin board that applications were being made on a particular date, and that additional information would be available in the maintenance shed. One board member made the suggestion that the golf course be exempted from following the policy. It was also noted that the clover is sprayed at the swimming pool in April and May in order to reduce the threat of bee stings. The public works department is called on by residents to treat municipal trees for termites and hornet infestations. Also, as part of the municipalities commitment to preventing wet weather overflows in the sanitary system. Areas of the system that are subject to tree root invasion are treated each year with an herbicide; these applications are made inside of the sewer line and are applied by licensed and trained individuals. Notices are provided to home owners before the treatments are made, and information on the location of the treatment program is posted on the municipal website. The board will discuss this issue again at their next meeting on March 8th.

Report of the Environmental Team Meeting: Tybe talked about the February 8th meeting of the Environmental Team. Members are interested in advancing residential energy audits.

Environmental Award Plaque: The Environmental Awards Plaques prepared by the high school arts class were on display on February 8th and will be displayed in the public works conference room on the second floor of the municipal building.

Report of the Environmental Team Website: Brett indicated that the website is up and running and items have already been sent for posting. There is a page for each committee.

Girl Scout Visit to the Commissioners' Meeting on February 27th: As part of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Girl Scout's, a group of girl scouts from the middle school will be attending the commission meeting on the 27th. They will be provided with an orientation to municipal government, and Bob will attend to talk about the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board.

Storm Water Issues: Tom Hoffman contacted Bob and talked about the ALCOSAN feasibility reports that will be presented in draft form this summer. Bob stressed the importance of managing overflows with green projects instead of the standard grey storage treatment methods. A rain barrel provided by Nine Mile Run Storm Works will be installed at the municipal restroom facility in the Main Park sometime before the end of February. The idea of establishing

a rain garden at the site will be pursued. Bob and Brett also discussed putting the storm water presentation on the Environmental Team Website.

Sustainability Pittsburgh Luncheon: Kathy was unable to attend the last luncheon meeting which was held in Monaca, however she indicated that the presentation would be put on the wiki site. The next luncheon will be on March 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Sustainable Greenhouse.

Earth Day/ESB Award 2012: Member of the board talked about the process for nominating candidates for this year's Environmental Sustainability Award which will be presented on Earth Day. Board members will come up with names of candidates and present them at the next meeting on March 8th. No elected officials or municipal or school district employees are eligible to receive the award.

Local Government Academy Webinar: Tom will make arrangements to provide a webinar on February 15th on Complying with an Enforcing Idling Laws. The webinar will be held in meeting room C of the municipal building. All interested parties were invited to attend. Pennsylvania Resources Council will be sponsoring a Recycling Renaissance presentation in Cranberry on March 15th

Repeal of Ordinance Prohibiting Composting: It was the consensus of the group that composting should stay on the agenda and be reported on each month.

Fund Raising/501 (c) (3): Nothing to report at this time.

Grant Proposals: A request for proposals is being prepared for the Local Government Academy grant of \$5,000 received by the municipality to update the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Act Plan.

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

Report on Commission Agendas: Matt Hoover was absent. Nothing was reported during the meeting.

Other Old Business: Building Codes, a recommendation to remove the building code item from the monthly agenda was made.

Other New Business: Information regarding the municipality's guaranteed energy savings performance proposal was provided to the group.

Adjournment: Tybe Brett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. which was seconded by Brett Aristegui and unanimously approved.