

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2013
7:30 PM
Conference Room D

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board

Attendees:

Brett Aristegui
Andrew Baram
Robert Hedin
Matt Hoover
Kathleen Hrabovsky
Pam Scott
Tom Kelley, Staff Liaison & Public Works Director

Absent:

Steve Noorbakhsh
Scott Goldman, Mt. Lebanon School Board
Kristen Linfante, Commission Liaison

Others in

Attendance: Abby Moryz-Lawmor
Carson Creehan, Mt. Lebanon High School Liaison
Nicole Miller, Energy Corp

Call to order: The official meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairperson Hedin.

Approval of January 21, 2013 meeting minutes: Minutes were corrected under new business to show that Brett's, not Matt's term will expire in March 2013.

Public Comment: No members of the public present at the meeting.

School Board Business

Composting in Schools: Scott Goldman met with Andrew, and they are planning to meet with the Citizen's Climate Corp., and the individual from the high school who's responsible for hospitality to discuss composting. They will talk about the programs currently under way at Shadyside Academy and the Quaker Valley School District. Both school districts are working with AG Recycling and have eliminated the use of Styrofoam food containers. The meeting with Mt. Lebanon School District will be schedule in early March and Andrew will report the results at the next meeting of the ESB.

Recycling Programs: Will be discussed at the next meeting in March.

High School Construction Update: High school construction is approximately 30% complete. Additional asbestos was found in the small auditorium area.

Commission Business

Robb Hollow Park Development & Mt. Lebanon Compost Updates: Nothing new to report at this time.

Climate Action Plan Update Project: Tom will talk to Barton Kirk about the March meeting. Barton had previously indicated that he will be out-of-town and not be able to attend this meeting.

Recycling Contract: Michele Nestor's presentation to commission and ESB – planning for ESB. Michele Nestor completed a pay-as-you-throw evaluation for Mt. Lebanon and will make a formal presentation to the commission at their February 26, 2013 meeting. Tom and Bob will talk to Michele to see if she will be able to attend the March 14, 2013 ESB meeting.

Lebo/PRC Grant Proposal: Notice was received from the Department of Environmental Protection awarding a \$31,000 grant to the Municipality to be used for recycling education and outreach purposes. The Pennsylvania Resources Council will work with the Recycling Team to develop materials and schedule presentations as outlined in the grant application. The grant contract will be presented to the commission for their approval on February 25, 2013.

Stormwater Fee Rebate Program: Only one rain barrel application processed in February.

ESB Business

Earth Day: Abby reported that an Earth Day planning meeting had been held with representatives from the municipality and the girl scouts. She, Beth and Melissa are lining up vendors for the event and will be working with the magazine to promote the event. Two food vendors have been lined up and musicians from the high school will be performing at Earth Day. The next meeting of the Environmental Team will be March 7, 2013 and Earth Day is on the agenda. Tom will set up a special municipal account for Earth Day revenues and expenditures.

Environmental Sustainability Award for Earth Day: Kathy indicated that she would like to nominate Rob Papke, a former member of the Environmental Sustainability Board to receive the annual ESB award presented at Earth Day. Chairman Hedin indicated that he would be sending request for nominees out to ESB members before the next meeting. Each nomination should include a justification.

G Tech Strategies Reenergize Pittsburgh: Kathy and Abby were appointed as G Tech Ambassadors to Mt. Lebanon. So far they have had one meeting with G Tech representatives. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

Sustainable Pittsburgh Luncheons: The next luncheon is in March.

Lebo Green Website: Brett has reorganized information on the website and changed the structure into content areas, such as, stormwater, recycling and energy. This will make it easier to manage information. He's looking for people to contribute content and would like to do more

with recycling. For example, set up recycling event reminders. The website has over one year of postings and users can view imbedded PowerPoint presentations. Next year the Earth Day website will be taken down and the contents will be included the Lebo Green website.

Grant Proposals: At the next meeting Bob will provide information on Act 13 Grants. Act 13 provides revenue for environmental grants and the funding comes from the state Fracking Fund.

New Business

Clean Rivers Campaign public meeting February 28, 2013: Bob and Kristen will be attending the ALCOSAN Wet Weather presentation on February 28, 2013 from 7pm – 8 pm. Dan Deiseroth is preparing talking points for the meeting. County Executive Fitzgerald will also be in attendance.

Zero Waste: Andrew reported on a telephone conference that he and Tom Kelley had with a Zero Waste contractor who has had twenty year of experience working with municipalities implementing pay-as-you-throw bagged programs. Additional information will be provided at a future meeting.

- **Presentation by Nicole Miller:** Nichole Miller, a Mt. Lebanon resident, is working with the Energy Corps AmeriCorps and is assigned to the Penn State Energy Center. The Energy Corps AmeriCorps project is an initiative of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) in cooperation with The Corporation for National and Community Service. The Energy Corps was created to address unmet community energy needs by promoting sustainable energy consumption and education, fostering community sustainability and helping to mitigate the effects of global climate change. Nicole presented information on a project that will engage engineering students in residential energy audits. The goal of the program is to bring together resources to develop community energy leaders. Penn State engineering students will be trained to performing energy assessments on homes. The program will run from May 21st to July 25th and Nicole is looking for 50 homes to assess. Additional information will follow.

Adjournment: Chairman Hedin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Baram. The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainable Board will be held on March 14, 2013.