

## Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013  
7:30 PM  
Conference Room D

### **Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board**

#### **Attendees:**

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

#### **Absent:**

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

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Abby Moryz-Lawmor

**Call to order:** The official meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairperson Hedin.

#### **Approval of February 21, 2013 meeting minutes**

The corrected meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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

#### **School Board Business**

- **Composting in Schools:** Earlier this month, Andrew met with representatives from the Citizen's Climate Corporation, and the Mt. Lebanon School District to discuss composting and recycling. In attendance were Drew from Citizen's Climate, Tanzeen who handles hospitality at the Mt. Lebanon High School and Carl the Facilities Manager for the School District. The representatives from the school district were very supportive of the proposal to implement a composting program in the schools. Andrew will be meeting with Dr. Marrone from the Quaker Valley School District to discuss Quaker Valley's program, and he will be requesting representatives from AG Recycle to talk with Tazzan Chowurdy the Director of Food Services at Mt. Lebanon High School about food waste composting. Andrew mentioned using some of the 902 Funding to provide education to the school district on recycling and composting.

- **Recycling Programs:** Because of their low cost, Styrofoam food containers are being used throughout the district. School District personnel are looking into finding a substitute which can be recycled and would not increase costs. There is also talk about educating students on how to recycle and what types of materials are recyclable. Members of the ESB inquired as to whether the school district has included sustainability in their mission statement and indicated that it is important to sponsor a culture of environmental stewardship.
- **High School Construction Update:** Pam is concerned about the indoor air quality at the high school during construction and will call Scott Goldman to discuss the issue. There is also a concern about the dust and exhaust from trucks on the site.

### Commission Business

- **Recycling Contract: Report on commission presentation;** Bob provided a brief report to the Board, summarizing the highlights of the presentation that Michelle Nestor made to the commission on pay-as-you-throw programs. The ESB would like to sponsor a pay-as-you-throw summit for members of the SHACOG communities. Bob will contact Kristen about scheduling the event.
- **Robb Hollow Park Development & Mt. Lebanon Compost Updates:** Nothing new to report at this time.
- **Climate Action Plan Update Project:** Bob indicated that Barton Kirk will be attending the next ESB meeting and will be making a brief presentation (about 20 minutes) to discuss the Mt. Lebanon Community Greenhouse Emissions and Inventory Climate Action Plan 2012 Update. Bob will contact Barton and ask him to come to the next meeting at 7:30 or 8:30 pm.
- **Lebo Recycling Grant:** Tom reported that the commission had accepted the \$33,000 Grant from the Department of Environmental Resources to conduct recycling, education and outreach activities to commercial and institutional entities within Mt. Lebanon. Activities cannot begin until an executed contract is received from DEP.
- **Stormwater Fee Rebate Program:** Nothing new to report. Kathy reported that she will have master gardeners contact Bob to discuss participating in a Rain Garden Event to be held at Sunnyhill Unitarian Church.

### ESB Business

- **Earth Day:** Abby will be distributing Earth Day posters along Washington Road. This year's festivities will include a climbing wall and features vendors and farmers, as well as, musicians. The Municipality has established an account to receive checks from the Earth Day organizers'.
- **ESB Award: nominations and selection:** Rob Papke's name was entered as a nominee for the annual Environmental Sustainability Award. Rob's nomination was discussed and Brett moved to nominate Rob as the ESB Person of the Year, which was seconded by Pam, and unanimously approved by the ESB. Rob Papke will be the next ESB Person of the Year and an award will be presented to him at the Earth Day Event.
- **G Tech Strategies Reenergize Pittsburgh:** Kathy and Abby provided a brief report on their activities as G Tech Ambassadors. G Tech will be sending a memorandum of understanding to the municipality laying out the parameters of the relationship between G

Tech and the municipality. The memorandum will be reviewed by the municipal solicitor before it is presented to the manager for his signature. Once the MOU is executed the municipality will be eligible to receive two payment of \$500 each.

- **Sustainable Pittsburgh Luncheons:** Nothing new to report at this time.
- **Lebo Green Website:** Brett is currently working on the recycling section of the website. He is also working on a residential energy section which includes information on PA Power Switch Program.

**Grant Opportunities:** Bob will provide additional information on Act 13 Opportunities. (Amendment to Title 58 of Pennsylvania's Consolidated Statute to regulate activities regulating to the extraction of gas from Marcellus Shale).

### **New Business**

The Mt. Lebanon School Board and the Mt. Lebanon Commission will be selecting members to serve on the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board. New members should be selected within two week and will attend the next meeting of the ESB on April 11, 2013.

**Adjournment:** Brett made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Pam. The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainable Board will be held on April 11, 2013.