

## Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2013

7:30 PM

Conference Room D

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

#### **Attendees:**

Andrew Baram  
Patrick Eberz  
Matthew Hoover  
Kathleen Hrabovsky  
Maria Joseph  
Steve Noorbakhsh  
Pam Scott  
Abby Moryz-Lawmor  
Tom Kelley, Staff Liaison & Public Works Director

#### **Not in Attendance:**

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

**Call to order:** The official meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Hrabovsky.

#### **Approval of April 11, 2013 meeting minutes:**

Under Lebo Green Website, remove sentence “Abby will take over the website.” Minutes will be changed to reflex the correction. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

#### **School Board Business**

**Composting in Schools:** Andrew reported on a meeting with the Quaker Valley School District. The members of the school district who attended the meeting believed that a similar composting program could work in the Mt. Lebanon School District. The facilities manager for the school district will approach Ag Recycling to see if a pilot project can be done this fall. He will confer with other school district officials on the process requested to implement the program.

**High School Construction Update:** The advisory board reviewed a letter sent to parents and guardians on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by the high school principal regarding asbestos abatement. Abatement work started on May 6<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to take approximately one month to complete. In his letter Principal McFeeley identified the areas where abatement would be concentrated and sited the asbestos emergency response legislation and sited the Allegheny County Health Department as being the local asbestos remediation regulatory body. Precision Environmental Company, the

abatement contractor, will be monitored by Professional Services, Inc. to insure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. The final clearance inspection will be completed by the Allegheny County Health Department. The review of the letter was followed by a brief discussion of air quality standards. Updated information will be provided during the June 2013 meeting.

**High School Environmental Team Liaisons:** Kathy will invite six members of the Mt. Lebanon High School Environmental Team to attend the June meeting. The students are Maggie Dugan, Lucas Nash, Andy Oppenheimer, Lily Oppenheimer, Liam Shi and Marilyn Reuss.

### **Municipal Business**

**Pay-As-You-Throw:** Andrew will be meeting with the commission during their discussion session on May 28<sup>th</sup> with a representative from Zero Waste to discuss Pay-As-You-Throw. Zero Waste has helped municipality's develop Pay-As-You-Throw programs in many locations throughout the northeast. Participating municipalities have succeeded to increase the rate of diversion while lowering the amount of solid waste being picked up at the curbside. Additional information will be forwarded to Tom Kelley.

**Ex-official Member:** Abby Moryz-Lawmor was appointed and ex-official member to the Environmental Sustainability Board. This allows the Environmental Team to have input on the ESB.

**Climate Action Plan Project Update:** Barton Kirk has finished up the Climate Action Plan Updates and copies were sent to all ESB board members before the meeting. Barton was requested to make a brief presentation at the June meeting.

**Stormwater Fee Program Update:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**ESB Business/Earth Day:** By all accounts the Earth Day celebrations held in the Main Park on April 27<sup>th</sup> were a great success. Rob Papke received the annual Environmental Person of the Year Award. Zero Waste Pittsburgh was contracted to remove compostable and recyclables from the event. Members of the board question as to whether events at the Library and the Ultra-Party, as well as, the Relay for Life could benefit from Zero Waste participation.

**G-Tech:** Kathy and Abby discussed a presentation that they attended with other G-Tech ambassadors. In most neighborhoods health and safety are the major concerns. In Mt. Lebanon there are quality of life issues and concerns regarding air pollution. Many people in western Pennsylvania suffer from respiratory problems resulting from air pollution and poor indoor air quality. Kathy and Abby are looking to reach out to churches and private groups to collect utility bill data and look for rate reduction strategies. Andrew will be providing some contact information on a group in the Sunset Hills area that he has worked with on recycling issues. Information on the Duquesne Light Watt Choice Program was distributed, as well as, information from the National Energy Leadership Group operating out of the Penn State Center. Kathy and Abby would like to make a presentation to multi property complexes, home ownership associations and elderly home owners. Information on the G-Tech program and Zero Waste Pittsburgh will be provided during the First Friday event scheduled on June 7<sup>th</sup> and also during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Sustainable Pittsburgh Luncheons:** The next Sustainable Coordinator's Luncheon will be held at the Cranberry Township Public Works Facility. The last luncheon was held in April at St. Vincent's College at the LEED Gold Certified Science Center. The Center uses a Geothermal system and real time solar monitoring screens.

**Lebo Green Website:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**Grant Opportunities:** Chairperson Hrabovsky discussed a grant application that had been submitted by Andy Oppenheimer, a Mt. Lebanon High School student, to the funtheory.com. Fun Theory awards recognize those thoughts, ideas and innovations that help prove the fun theory; that fun is the easiest way to change people's behaviors for the better. Andrew's application with focus on improving air quality by reducing electrical consumption, and thereby, improving air quality. The details of his application are attached.

### **New Business**

Kathy Hrabovsky was unanimously elected the new chairperson of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Hoover and seconded by Andrew Baram and unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road.