

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2014  
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting that began at 8 p.m., on Monday, October 27, 2014, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. President Kristen Linfante called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Stephen M. Feller called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Dave Brumfield, Kelly Fraasch, Steve Silverman and Kristen Linfante. Also present were Finance Director Andrew McCreery, Recreation Director Donnellan, Fire Chief Sohyda, Deputy Police Chief Lauth, Public Works Superintendent Sukal, Inspections Officer Berkley, Planning Officer McGill, and Public Information Officer Morgans. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

Ms. Linfante stated that item eight regarding a private street policy was being removed from the agenda.

**MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Feller stated that prior to tonight's meeting, the Commission met in executive session and discussed tax assessment appeals, property acquisition, and a labor issue with the solicitor. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 11, 2014. There are also budget workshops to review the Manager's 2015 Budget scheduled for Monday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m., in Conference Room C, and on Tuesday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Room C.

Mr. Feller recognized the Mt. Lebanon Senior Men's Golf Club, which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Nikola Ranick spoke about the blood drive at the high school, the annual pink-out game, and the language clubs.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Greg Nace of 629 Crystal Drive, president of the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden, stated that deer are eating plants as quickly as they are placed in the gardens. He spoke about the deer eating food that other animals rely on. He stated that the deer need to be controlled, and he supported a deer management plan.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke against deer culling, believing there was no deer problem. He believed the deer issue is about gardens. He also spoke against artificial turf.

Jim Cannon of 1306 Craigview Drive commented about deer management and the measures the municipality has taken over the years.

Stacey Chick of 177 Sleepy Hollow Road spoke against budgeting funds for deer management. She spoke against the use of weapons to kill deer, asking that the municipality consider sterilization of the deer.

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive expressed opposition to artificial turf. She also spoke about deer management, supporting sterilization and fencing.

Steven Diaz of 308 Queensberry Circle discussed artificial turf. He believes the runoff water from the field would be contaminated with toxins.

Frankie Kavalir of 831 Valleyview Road expressed opposition to artificial turf, believing it was too costly. She also believed it would cause flooding in the area.

Gregory Bank of 1037 Firwood Drive spoke against about artificial turf.

Mr. Brumfield stated that the commission has researched artificial turf thoroughly, and not a single study proved that artificial turf creates a health risk. Ms. Fraasch stated that she respectfully disagrees with Mr. Brumfield's comments.

Ken Nowacki of 261 Arden Road spoke about deer management and turf.

Mark Hamilton of 1316 Terrace Drive stated that he is a former Upper St. Clair Commissioner, who has a lot of knowledge and experience with deer management. He spoke in support of deer management.

Martin Kassalen of 230 Mayfair Drive spoke against artificial turf.

Anthony Capriotti of 116 Robb Hollow Road, Jorge Rivero Becerra of 106 Robb Hollow Road, Diana Barna of 113 Robb Hollow Road and Colin McCann of 104 Robb Hollow spoke in support of the stop signs on Sandrae Drive at Robb Hollow Road.

Kenneth Arroyo of 1151 Pinewood Drive spoke against artificial turf and deer culling.

Natalie Arroyo of 1151 Pinewood Drive indicated that she is against artificial turf and believes there would be exposure to toxins.

Marianne Garrity of 100 Lebanon Hills Road oposed artificial turf, believing it was unsafe.

Paula Bongiorno of 728 Pinetree Road spoke against artificial turf, believing there was a correlation between the rubber crumbs on the field and cancer.

Jeanne Hoeft of 986 Summer Place spoke in support of deer culling. She stated that Upper St. Clair has culled deer for over 10 years, without any negative incidents.

Mika Fisher of 149 Cedar Boulevard stated that her civil rights are being violated by the municipality. She said there are bench warrants against her, and she is tired of being harassed by the police department, public works, inspections and others.

Charles Bachorski of 637 Moreland Drive believed there was an infrastructure problem in the community, and he stated that he'd rather see funding for road repairs than artificial turf.

David Bateman of 136 Woodhaven Drive spoke in support of using tranquilizing darts for deer.

Nick Meduho of 101 Castle Shannon Boulevard supported a referendum ballot question concerning artificial turf. Mr. Brumfield stated it's not required. Mr. Weis stated that when a referendum is placed on a ballot, it involves an ordinance that affects the code, and this issue does not meet that criteria. Mr. Meduho also inquired about the historic preservation board being videotaped.

Ninamary Langsdale of 419 Gladds Drive spoke against artificial turf and asked that the project be delayed.

Elizabeth Scanlon of 723 N. Meadowcroft Avenue opposed artificial turf. She also spoke in support of budgeting for deer management annually.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 2014**

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Brumfield seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 14-14) AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET**

Mr. Silverman said the following adjustments are proposed:

**General Fund**

Revenue:	
PEMA reimbursement	\$ 55,950
Dept. of Homeland Security grant	26,780
Earned Income Tax	155,000
Use of Fund Balance	604,750
	<u>\$ 842,480</u>

Expenditures:	
Emergency Management radio equip.	\$ 10,000
Smoke detectors	26,780
Public Works roof replacement	20,000
Rock salt and chemicals for snow removal	180,000
Recycling cans for parks	10,000
Bird park and Twin Hills trail signs	3,500
Deer management	68,000
HARB Ordinance consultant	25,000
Invasive Species enhancement	42,000
Firing range improvements	23,000
Robb Hollow improvements	60,000
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	374,200
	<u>\$ 842,480</u>

**Capital Projects Fund**

Revenue:	
ARLE grant for Washington Rd crosswalk	\$ 65,100
Wildcat/Middle Field Turf Project Non-Municipal Contributions	250,000
Debt Proceeds	1,752,840
Transfer from General Fund	374,200
	<u>\$ 2,442,140</u>

Expenditures:	
Wildcat/Middle Field Turf Project Unassigned Portion	\$ 162,600
Wildcat/Middle Field Turf Project Non-Municipal Share	250,000
Longuevue storm sewer	739,810
Marlin Mapleton storm sewer	655,000
Public Safety Center façade improvements	200,000
Municipal roof replacement	135,530
Private streets - municipal share	68,000
School zone signage	35,000
Traffic pedestrian upgrades	107,650
Bond issuance fees	23,450
Fund Balance	65,100
	<u>\$ 2,442,140</u>

**Sewage Fund**

Revenue:	
Sewage fee revenue	\$ 125,000
	<u>\$ 125,000</u>

Expenditures:	
Sewage collection expenses	\$ 125,000
	<u>\$ 125,000</u>

Ordinance (Bill No. 14-14) as introduced, and the public hearing was set for November 11, 2014.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-18-14 TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE  
SOUTH HILLS AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR NORTH  
MEADOWCROFT BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURT ADA IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Bendel said a pre-application was prepared and provided to the South Hills Area Council of Governments for Community Development Block Grant Funds. The pre-application was for 100% funding of an ADA Access Project to take place in 2015 in the amount of \$99,500. Mt. Lebanon had previously bid the project, but did not proceed with its' completion in 2007. The project was reviewed again due to the availability of possible grant funding.

Mt. Lebanon has successfully used this program over the past several years to address the installation of handicapped sidewalk ramps throughout the Municipality.

A requirement for submission of the formal Community Development Block Grant application is that the Commission adopts a standard resolution.

Mr. Bendel moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-18-14. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN  
ON SANDRAE DRIVE AT ROBB HOLLOW ROAD**

Mr. Silverman said on October 1, 2014, the Traffic Board recommended that a stop sign be installed on Sandrae Drive at the intersection of Robb Hollow Road. The intersection is not currently controlled.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Brumfield seconded to approve the stop sign as recommended by the Traffic Board and Traffic Engineer. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE AN ACCESS CONTROL  
SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND SAFETY CENTER**

Ms. Fraasch said representatives from the police, fire, public works and information technology departments reviewed ready-to-use access control systems. The staff recommends a purchase through the state COSTARS program from Eltech Security Systems in the amount of \$151,793.08.

The software used to regulate access control will be the same software at both facilities. The current systems are no longer supported by the manufacturer or installer. Repairs and technical support are being provided by a third party who cannot guarantee access to compatible parts. System failures have been happening more frequently resulting in doors maintaining their current programming and not allowing adjustments.

The project is funded in the 2014 budget.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to authorize the proper municipal officials to purchase the access control system. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE  
LIST FOR SEPTEMBER TOTALING \$3,543,910.28**

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve the expenditure list for September totaling \$3,543,910.28. Mr. Bendel stated that because his son is employed as a part-time employee at the tennis center, he was abstaining from voting. The vote was called. The motion carried with four votes and one abstention.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mr. Bendel asked that the reports be received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.