

Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory

- **Call Meeting to Order**

- Roll Call:**

- Attendees:**

- Kathy Hrabovsky, Chair
 - Andrew Baram, Co-chair
 - Patrick Eberz
 - Pam Scott
 - Abby Lawler Morycz
 - Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison
 - Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

- Absent:**

- Maria Joseph
 - Michael Kurosky

- **High School Students:**

- Nancy Lu

- **Public Comment**

- None

- **Approval of October 2014 Minutes.** Abby motioned to approve the October minutes; Pam seconded. Two corrections were noted: Andrew Baram was absent for the October meeting and questions marks in the PAYT section of the minutes needed to be removed. All members in attendance approved with the corrections.

- **Commission Business**

- Report on “Finding Help in Mt. Lebanon – A Better Living Forum”. Kathy and Abby attended and reported that a number of groups were there with information. It was well run and very informative. Abby prepared a list of energy conservation utility programs, in hand-out form, that are available to Mt. Lebanon residents. A number of attendees took the list.
 - **Report on presentation of Parks/Sustainability Coordinator Position.** This position was part of the Commission discussion. The PAB and ESB provided input on the qualifications of the position; the Commission appeared receptive. Kelly noted that the position would likely start in May since a new Public Works Director would be hired early in the year. Kathy advised that there were sufficient qualified candidates available. Kathy & Hugh Beal offered their time to assist in preparation of a job description for the position.
 - **Municipal Pesticide Use – Parks & Nature Conservancy Update.** Pam provided samples of pesticide signage. Kathy asked if the ESB wanted present information to the Commission. Kelly suggested presenting in January. Kathy read the ESB’s pesticide policy that had been voted on in a prior meeting. Abby questioned how the LeboAlert system might be used regarding pesticides. Kathy suggested that Pam revise the signage samples into a document that the ESB could vote on and present to the Commission. Pam agreed to prepare a document for the next meeting.
 - **Pay as You Throw.** No updates.

- **Recycling in Commercial Districts and in Parks.** Kelly reported that \$10k was set aside in the recommended budget.
- **Artificial Turf.** Kelly advised that the project had started, but the weather may cause delays. She also stated that there had been discussion in executive session regarding a possible different infill, but it doesn't appear that will happen. The proposal was made 11/6 and voted on immediately. Kathy asked about policies and what could be done. Kelly also relayed that as of two weeks ago, a mapping program was announced through EHHI (?) to follow individuals' health related to turf.
- **Deer Update.** The Commission has agreed that there will not be sharp-shooting to cull the deer. Archery is still being considered as is 'trap and bolt' and sterilization.
- **ESB Business**
 - **Environmental Team Update.** Abby provided information that Earth Day was scheduled for 4/25/15. Also Tom Hoffman from the Sierra Club would like to come to an ESB meeting. Abby also advised that they were still trying to address composting in the schools and that Mary Birks from the School Board might be able to assist. Kathy suggested that the high school liaisons might be able to champion this as well.
 - **Project Updates based on ESB Priority List – 2-1-14.** Regarding the Fleet project, Patrick advised that he would wait until a new PW director was appointed to discuss fleet management. Kathy advised that the camel artwork was complete and being printed.
- **High School Liaison Update.** No updates.
- **New Business.** Kathy explained two projects Mt. Lebanon was invited to participate in: Solarize PA and the Green Workplace Challenge. Solarize PA is a pilot program that will provide resident access to contractors who are approved to install PV panels on residential units. Solarize PA is slated to begin in January with three pilot municipalities. RFP's are due 12/12/14. Sustainable Pittsburgh offers two levels of participation in the Green Workplace Challenge: observer and competitor. The "Observer" category is for those entities that are considering participation in future years. Kathy could mentor the municipality if they choose to participate in either category.
- **Adjournment.** At 8:55 p.m., Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Patrick and unanimously approved by the members present.