

Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Advisory

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Roll Call:

Attendees:

Kathy Hrabovsky, Chair
Andrew Baram, Co-chair
Patrick Eberz
Pam Scott
Maria Joseph
Michael Kurosky
Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Abby Lawler Morycz

- **High School Students:**

Nancy Lu

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Approval of November 2014 Minutes.** Andrew motioned to approve the November minutes; Patrick seconded. Two corrections were noted: Under 'Turf', remove the sentence: "Kelly said that the ESB was noted as supporting the project," and under 'Deer' include sterilization as an option and delete the last sentence. All members in attendance approved with the corrections.

- **Commission Business**

- **Report on recent Parks Advisory Board review of Robb Hollow Park plans.** At the request of the PAB, Maria was asked to attend its meeting for input by the ESB on upcoming plans to Robb Hollow Park. The PAB did not have a quorum, but Maria reported that a map has been developed showing a new path, but there's an existing path that does need work. Maria questioned if work was going to proceed with Public Works, why create a new path? And why create a new path when an existing one needs work? Maria noted that there was also discussion regarding the new position in Public Works.
- **IPM posting recommendations.** Pam reported on a revised resolution. Pam will present this at a future Commission Discussion Session scheduled for February 10, 2015. Kathy stated that the ESB present their policy and recommendation at the meeting; Maria suggested that Pam present the examples that she developed in a PowerPoint at the meeting. Kathy agreed that the resolution be presented to the Commission, but wasn't certain that the Commission would vote on it. Kathy suggested that a vote be taken. Patrick motioned and Maria seconded that the ESB vote to move forward with the resolution that was approved on September 14, 2014 with the attached examples developed by Pam. All members present voted to approve.
- **Pay as You Throw.** Andrew reported that there was no news to report.

- **Recycling in Commercial Districts and in Parks.** Containers have been ordered and are due in Christmas week. Kathy suggested that an educational program be provided for Public Works employees and the general public. She noted that the ESB could help to educate the general public at EARTHDAY 2015 if we have an understanding of the recycling program in the commercial districts and the parks. The ESB has had great success educating the general public since we were asked to educate on the storm water assessment fee several years ago. There was a general discussion where several ESB members noted that we do not have information on: type and number of bins, location of bins, waste-hauler, recyclable items, and frequency of pick-up. We hoped that inviting Steve Silverman and Tom Kelley to our January meeting would provide an understanding of the new program and the tennis center program. Andrew brought up that the Library sponsored a separate recycling event that coincided with the municipality's recycling events. He felt that it might be better if the Library's event was held at a different time. Maria said that she would speak to the Library. Andrew also questioned whether recycling was being picked up at the Tennis Center since it was being collected in containers. Kathy advised that she would invite Steve Silverman and Tom Kelley to the January meeting.
- **Artificial Turf.** Maria reported that there was a change order of \$86 thousand for the turf project and also that not all of the money pledged had been collected. Kelly stated that the money was taken from the Bower Hill Road project and was needed for the turf project to be in compliance relative to environmental concerns. Kelly advised that there was no agreement in writing for the private share contributions to increase with any increased cost of the project. She informed the Board that there was also a delay by the DPA for safety issues of the workers. Additionally, in the Capital Improvement budget, an extension of the parking lot was slated for 2016 and field improvements for 2017.
- **ESB Business**
 - **Environmental Team Update.** Kathy noted that 'Re-Energize' would be coming and wanted the Board to think about ideas for Earth Day.
 - **Project Updates based on ESB Priority List – 2-1-14.** Michael stated that he has begun looking into LED street lights as a project. Kathy reported on the Energy Camel project and displayed the artwork. The website should be done soon and the blogging can then start. Kathy stated that she would contact Mt. Lebanon magazine to assist with publicizing the project.
 - **High School Liaison Update.** No updates. Pam mentioned that the High School had entered into a contract with Integrated Pest Control and that she had requested a copy of the contract, but hadn't received anything yet.
- **New Business.** Regarding deer management, Kelly advised that an archery program would be started on 12/26 and last for 30 days. Police, Fire, Public Works and IT employees would go through a background check and evaluation. The deer could be kept by the archer or donated. Areas that the program would affect were the Golf Course, McNeilly, Robb Hollow and Bird Park. Culling would only be during daylight hours from Monday through Saturday. Capture and bolt would be done in the fall.

Kelly also advised that she would no longer be on the ESB due to other time commitments related to a leadership position on the Board and work. Kathy thanked Kelly for her service to the Board.

Patrick stated that he'd just finished a project with Sustainable Pittsburgh and noted that 80% of the Mt. Lebanon links on the website were dead.
- **Adjournment.** At 9:30 p.m., Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Patrick and unanimously approved by the members present.