

**Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2015**

- **Call Meeting to Order**

- Roll Call:**

- Attendees:**

- Kathy Hrabovsky, Chair
      - Andrew Baram, Co-chair
      - Patrick Eberz
      - Pam Scott
      - Maria Joseph
      - Michael Kurosky
      - Abby Lawler Morycz
      - Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

- Absent:**

- Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison

- **High School Students:**

- Nancy Lu
    - Andy Oberheimer

- **Public Comment**

- None

- **Zipcar Presentation.** Erin Cooper, Marketing Manager for Zipcar made a presentation to the ESB. She explained that Zipcar was a car-sharing membership service that rents by the hour. It reduces cars on the road. She estimated that for every Zipcar, 4-5 cars were taken off the road. Zipcars use assigned spots and include gas. The cost is \$6 per month plus Between \$9-14/hour for a vehicle. Drivers must be over 18 and are vetted regarding driving records, insurance, etc.

- **Approval of January, 2015 Minutes.** Pam asked that the 'IPM Posting Presentation' be changed to "Pesticide Notification Presentation". Andrew motioned to approve the December minutes; Maria seconded. All members in attendance approved with the corrections.

- **Commission Business**

- **Pesticide Notification presentation to the Commission.** Pam and Maria reported on the presentation. The administration provided a draft policy that Pam felt did not address the ESB concerns. The ESB wants the township to notify residents when an application is being done. Municipal Counselor Phil Weis advised that regular applications at the Golf Course are posted but that the township could not force an applicator to post. President Bendel suggested that the ESB get together with Manager Feller and Rudy Sukal, Public Works Superintendent. The municipality's draft policy is attached to the minutes for reference. Pam and Maria also reported that they were not certain if anything is being sprayed at the pools and plan to meet with the new Public Works Director and Steve Feller to see if some of the wording can be changed.
  - **Recycling in Commercial Districts and in Parks Update.** Kathy reviewed responses that Bonnie provided to questions asked at the prior ESB meeting:
    - The recycling containers are only out between March and October because the parks are only in use during these months. We don't collect trash in the parks during the winter since there is snow on the ground preventing access with service vehicles.

- It is unknown when #6 plastics started being omitted from the recycling. Andrew volunteered to look into that. Relative to recycling, Kathy asked who enforces the recycling for Commercial and multi-family and suggested that the ESB make a recommendation that the Building and Zoning inspectors police it.
- Regarding what will happen with the recycling in the Parks, crews will empty the containers when they empty the trash receptacles and dispose of the recyclable materials in separate dumpsters designated for recyclables.
- The Recreation Center, swimming pool, and other municipal buildings do recycle.

Pam also asked about aseptic containers. Kathy stated that they could be recycled.

- **Pay as You Throw.** Andrew spoke during public comment to the Commission on 2/10/15. He advised at the meeting that the Commission has until June to make a decision. Maria said that it was scheduled for discussion on 4/14. Kathy felt that the ESB should rally people; Andrew advised that the meeting would most likely finalize a decision. Andrew will advise if he hears anything new.
- **Deer Culling Update.** Maria advised that the municipality was still waiting for a permit. Four sites were recommended to place the pens, and at the last meeting, the Commission approved two additional locations – the conservation district on Connor Road and at Twin Hills. There was also mention that pens could be set up on private property with the permission of the owners.
- **Report on Plans for Parks or Other Areas.** No update.
- **Artificial Turf.** Maria advised that signs would be sold at Wildcat, Middle and Dixon fields to raise funds for maintenance of the turf. The goal was to sell at least five.
- **ESB Business**
  - **Term Expirations.** Kathy asked whether Abby would be permitted to fill a full term since she had replaced a member mid-term. At this point, Kathy's two terms will expire in March. Andrew and Abby can be re-appointed.
  - **Project Updates based on ESB Priority List – 2-1-14.** Kathy reviewed the list of ESB projects. In the past, the first climate action plan was written with a grant that had been obtained for \$20k. It also formed the ESB that was a joint board with the schools. She stated that the climate action plan won't change as it is tied into the Comprehensive Plan. Also, transportation and residential energy are focal points in the area now. With Kathy leaving, the hope is that a new member will be appointed by May. Andrew asked whether the resumes could be given to the ESB as soon as possible in order to make a recommendation. Bonnie advised that the Commission does not give out resumes, but she would check. It was decided that if any updates were to be done, the members would wait until the new member is onboard.
  - **Environmental Team Update.** Abby reported that they had some sponsors for Earth Day (4/25). Zero Waste and Zero Fossil Fuel have been hired. Shen met with Greg Winks who was doing something with Green Mountain Energy to promote energy conservation. A food truck and music will be available. Other ideas for before and after Earth Day included a film festival and a concert. Abby also announced that the Environmental Team was changing its name to Lebo Green. Kathy asked if the Lebo Green could link to the Energy Camels Facebook page and Abby agreed that they could work something out to assist.

Abby reported that a pilot composting program was due to start in the high school. They are going to try and get the kids to separate out the food. Right now, they are working on a video and a mascot. There will be two stations.

- **High School Liaison Update.** Andy showed the actual energy camel. The program is ready to go. Mr. Bergstressor is asking the high school team to get their parents to participate. Kathy suggested that they display the camels on Earth Day to publicize it.

Also, Mr. Bergstressor will have a Wildlife Biology class that is slated to have 150-200 students/year.

- **New Business.**

- **Green Workplace Challenge.** Kathy announced that Mt. Lebanon had joined the challenge.
- **Adjournment.** At 9:48 p.m., Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Patrick and unanimously approved by the members present.