

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 10, 2015
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. President John Bendel 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 Dave Brumfield, Kelly Fraasch, Steve Silverman, and John Bendel. Commissioner Kristen Linfante was not present due to an excused absence. Also present were Finance Director Andrew McCreery, Deputy Police Chief Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Acting Public Works Director Sukal, Planning Officer McGill, Business District Officer Milliron, Assistant to the Manager Cross, Inspections Officer Berkley, and Public Information Officer Morgans. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Matt Bagaley of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bendel summarized what took place in the discussion session, including commission goals, Saturday discussion session meetings, a presentation by the historic preservation board, and deer education. Ms. Fraasch stated that a nationally known speaker will be scheduled to speak to residents regarding how to better provide landscaping and gardening that works with deer-resistant plants. She mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Mr. Feller stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to discuss appointments to boards and authorities, personnel issues and legal issues with the solicitor. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015.

Mr. Bendel recognized MRTSA for its role in providing healthcare to patients and transportation to and from providers of medical services.

Mr. Bendel explained the municipality's position on assessments, indicating that a fact sheet was placed on the table in the back of the room for residents.

Mr. Bendel summarized the municipality's position on deer management, reviewing the history of deer management in Mt. Lebanon. He stated that the safety of the community and anyone traveling through it is essential, and because of the increase in deer/vehicle accidents, the commission felt it was important to address this serious issue with a deer management program to help reduce the accidents. Before finalizing a plan, the commission was educated on various options over the past two years, inclusive of archery hunts, corralling deer and sterilization. A request for permit was sent to the Game Commission regarding sterilization, which has never been done in Pennsylvania. While it wasn't an easy decision for the commission, it was decided to move forward with the best solution in what we commissioners believe is in the best interest of the Mt. Lebanon community.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER HALEY SILVERMAN COMMENTS

Haley Silverman spoke about the successful athletic programs at the high school, as well as various volunteer programs students are participating in, and the parking situation at the high school.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Michalina Pendzich of 121 Longuevue Drive spoke in support of the deer cull. She stated that she had submitted a petition containing 1,400 residential signatures on it in support of deer management.

Billie Girard of 202 Overlook Drive stated that she strongly believed that the deer present a health and safety hazard to the community. She spoke in support of culling deer.

Maureen Mamula of 159 Vanderbilt Drive spoke in support of culling deer, stating that she was involved in a deer/vehicle accident on Bower Hill Road on a clear, sunny day, as a result of a deer running out in front of the vehicle, totaling her car.

Sheila Raza-Self of 565 Greenhurst Drive spoke against deer culling, believing residents should coexist with the deer.

Jason Margolis of 142 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer, the assessment appeals, and artificial turf at Wildcat/Middle fields.

Jan Seybold of 262 ½ Academy Avenue spoke against culling deer, stating it was disturbing to attempt to rid the community of deer.

Elaine Gillen of 735 Vallevista Avenue spoke against culling deer.

Nita Fandray of 125 Longuevue Drive spoke against culling deer.

Ann Roper and Rheyima Schwartz of 371 Broadmoor spoke against culling deer.

Laura Yaremcho of 584 Moreland Drive spoke against culling deer.

Karen Newman of 1140 Sunrise Avenue spoke against culling deer, believing the community should live in harmony with the deer.

Stacey Chick of 177 Sleepy Hollow Road spoke against any plan to kill deer. She also spoke about sterilization of deer.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke against culling deer.

Galen Raza-Self of 565 Greenhurst Drive spoke against culling deer, stating that he enjoys the wildlife. He stated that the manner in which the contract was awarded was inappropriate.

Natalie Kukla 385 Avon Drive spoke in support of culling deer.

Marilyn Narey of 256 Baywood Drive spoke in support of culling deer. She gave the chronology of how they received 1,400 resident signatures on a petition in support of deer management.

Jeanne Hoeft of 986 Summer Place spoke about the Game Commission and its role in handling wildlife in Pennsylvania. She spoke in support of culling deer.

Nancy Elbaum of 201 Pennsylvania Boulevard stated that the deer management program was being implemented in order to benefit the gardeners. She also stated that the deer/vehicle accidents were being exaggerated, believing that this was a people problem, not a deer problem.

Marty Murray of 615 Washington Road spoke against culling deer, stating the method being used was unconscionable.

Margaret Hooton of 350 Jefferson Drive spoke in support of culling deer, stating that 816 deer incidents have been reported to the police since January 2011.

Clair Pullen of 180 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer, stating the gardeners are responsible for attracting the deer.

Elliot Pullen of 180 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer.

Geneva Pullen of 180 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer.

Christine Zundel of 129 Marlin Drive West stated that she is a victim of Lyme disease from a deer tick that she received in Mt. Lebanon.

Jennifer Feyrer of 467 Old Farm Road spoke against culling deer.

David Fusco of 142 Seminole Drive spoke against culling deer, inquiring about the procedures involved in the deer management program.

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive inquired as to the efficiency of enforcing the deer feeding ban. She also spoke in support of deer signage and education, and she spoke against culling deer.

John Lisowski of 774 Colony Circle spoke against corralling deer, stating that it was inhumane. He stated that he is a hunter and agreed that there was a deer density problem, but he supported sharpshooters to manage the issue.

Patricia Suhody and Lilly Suhody of 146 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer.

Euclid Noble of 304 Park Entrance Drive stated that Mt. Lebanon is a walking community. He said that deer are most active during the morning hours when kids are walking to school, stating that his kids had an alarming encounter with deer on their way to school. He spoke in support of culling deer stating that deer are a safety hazard to pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Florence Gaskill of 13 Earlswood Avenue spoke against the use of guns to kill deer in the parks.

Karen Uhrin of 616 Kingsberry Circle stated that there was a deer issue in Mt. Lebanon, and she supported culling the deer.

Stephanie Mihalik of 250 Atlanta Drive spoke in support of deer management.

Patty Broderick-Cappelli of 717 N. Meadowcroft Avenue, a real estate agent for Howard Hanna, spoke about the assessment appeals program.

Nick Meduho of 101 Castle Shannon Boulevard asked questions about the deer management program.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE
ADJOURNED MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

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

CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH T&B PLANNING, INC.

Mr. Silverman said a Request for Proposals was issued for a one-time contract to perform professional consulting services to develop Preservation Design Guidelines, a Draft Preservation Ordinance and Related Services for the Virginia Manor Neighborhood. One of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan is to maintain Mt. Lebanon's character while accommodating new growth, redevelopment and evolving housing needs. One of the actions under this goal is to "Work with the Historic Preservation Board to establish local historic districts, with emphasis on the parts of the community eligible for National Register of Historic Places designation." Virginia Manor is a residential neighborhood located in the Mt. Lebanon National Register Historic District.

Five responses were received and reviewed by a Review Committee. The group recommends awarding the contract to T&B Planning, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$28,500. The budgeted amount for this project is \$25,000.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to authorize the proper officials to execute the contract with T&B Planning, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$28,500 in a form as reviewed and approved by the Manager and the Solicitor. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL TO
THE SUMMIT POINTE PLAN OF LOTS #2 SUBDIVISION PLAN**

Mr. Brumfield said on February 24, 2015, the Planning Board granted preliminary approval and recommended final approval for the Summit Pointe Plan of Lots #2 Subdivision Plan conditioned on the Engineer's review comments.

The Engineer has reviewed the revised plans and recommends approval with conditions.

The plan is a re-subdivision of the Summit Pointe-R plan as previously approved and recorded.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to grant final approval for the Summit Pointe Plan of Lots #2 Subdivision Plan, subject to the following conditions:

1. A grading permit application must be submitted and include all information required in Part VI of the Mt. Lebanon Code, including but not limited to Plans and Specifications for Grading and a Geotechnical Engineering Report to support the proposed plan. A Development Agreement must also be executed.
2. The applicant must address Allegheny County Economic Development comments from their February 25, 2015 letter.

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.