

**Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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
      - Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison
      - Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

- Absent:**

- **High School Students:**

- Andy Oberheimer

- **Public Comment**

- Mark O'Matz, resident

- **Approval of February, 2015 Minutes.** Andrew motioned to approve the February minutes; Patrick seconded. All members in attendance approved.

- **Commission Business**

- **Pesticide Notification presentation to the Commission.** Pam and Maria intend to follow up with President Bendel, hopefully when the new Public Works Director is on board.
  - **Recycling in Commercial Districts and in Parks Update.** Kelly will provide an update at the next meeting.
  - **Pay as You Throw.** Kelly asked why the agenda item was removed from the April Commission discussion agenda. She will check into it and ask that it be put back on. Andrew agreed that if needed, he would be available.
  - **Deer Culling Update.** Three deer had been trapped and killed. Locations are McNeilly, Bird Bark, Robb Hollow and the Conservation district. The majority of the Commission has agreed to pay for up to 150 deer at a cost of \$500/deer. Kelly also informed the ESB that an education program was being planned that involved 1.5 hour sessions and hands-on consulting regarding deer-resistant plantings. The consultant, Sandy Van Allen Baker, would be in Mt. Lebanon on April 26 and 27, and possibly for Earth Day on April 25. Kelly also talked about the importance of the feeding ban. She also mentioned that the Commission was considering a phone bank with a scripted call. If approved, volunteers would be needed; 55 volunteers had already signed up. Andrew questioned whether there will be additional funding for education. Pam asked whether messaging could be included with the municipal mailings, such as the sewer or water bills.
  - **Report on Plans for Parks or Other Areas.** Kelly reported that the house at Robb Hollow is torn down and cleared away.

- **Artificial Turf.** Due to the weather, no progress has occurred, but it should start up next month.

- **ESB Business**

- **Term Expirations.** Kathy expressed her thanks to everyone and said that it has been a great six years. The new member of the ESB will be announced at the next Commission meeting and should be able to attend the April ESB meeting. Kelly thanked Kathy for her service.

- **Project Updates based on ESB Priority List – 2-1-14.** No updates.

- **Environmental Team Update.** Abby reported that more vendors were on board for Earth Day. A poster was being done, and the CMU Breath Mobile would be there.

Abby also reported that the new cafeteria was opening and that a vendor – Yard to Table – would be taking all of the compost.

- **ESB Award** – The members of the ESB unanimously chose the award recipient, who will be announced on Earth Day.
- **High School Liaison Update.** The program is ready to go and they were waiting for people to send in their information.

- **New Business.**

- Maria advised that she and Abby would not be at the June meeting as their children would be graduating that evening.

- **Adjournment.** At 8:35 p.m., Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Andrew and unanimously approved by the members present.