

Mt Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015

- **Call Meeting to Order**

- Roll Call:**

- Attendees:**

- Andrew Baram, Co-chair
 - Patrick Eberz
 - Pam Scott
 - Michael Kurosky
 - Abby Lawler Morycz
 - Ian Brown
 - Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

- Absent:**

- Maria Joseph
 - Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison

- **High School Students:**

- **Public Comment**

- None

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

- **Commission Business**

- **Deer Doctor.** Andrew informed the ESB that Kelly had sent an email advising that the Deer Doctor will be in Mt Lebanon from April 25-27th. Her expertise includes deer behavior, deer resistant gardening and strategies. She will host a table at Earth Day to reach out to the public, a seminar will take place at the library and is open to the public from 2-4pm. On Monday, two open seminars will occur at 10-11:30 and 1-3pm at the library. No registration necessary. She will also approach local parks/neighborhoods to assess concerns or issues with flower beds etc.

- Also, on April 21st clean Water Action and Green Team are co-hosting an event on sewage and storm water at 6 p.m. at Hitchhiker. Hope all can attend!

- **Public Works Director Interview process update.** The first round of candidates did not work out. The municipality re-advertised and is accepting applications.
 - **Pesticide Notification Update.** No update.
 - **Recycling in Commercial Districts and in Parks Update.** No update.
 - **Pay as You Throw.** Mark O'Matz asked if Andrew was sure about the Commission decision regarding PAYT and Andrew confirmed that the Commission wouldn't approve it. He further stated that he would like for the Commission to reach out to the public. Abby asked by what date a decision is to be made and Andrew said it would need to be made by June 30th.
 - **Report on Plans for Parks or Other Areas.** No update.

- **ESB Business**

- **Project Updates based on ESB Priority List – 2-1-14.** Andrew explained that he sees the Board as first an advisory board that provides information to the Commission and second, that if a member has a passion regarding environmental sustainability, he or she could use the Board as a forum to take the issue to the Commission. He stated that he felt that the ESB should wait to select a chair and co-chair. He announced that he intends to resign from the ESB. Patrick stated that he feels the Board as a whole should prioritize what it wants to do and work on it as a whole.
- **Environmental Team Update.** Abby reported that Earth Day plans were coming together and shared the poster that had been designed. The CMU Breath-Mobile will also be there. Abby mentioned that if anyone wanted to volunteer, it would be appreciated.

Abby also reported that the composting at the High School started on April 8.

- **5th Annual ESB Award** – The members of the ESB unanimously chose the award recipient, who will be announced on Earth Day.
- **High School Liaison Update.** Abby mentioned that the Energy Camels were linked to www.LeboGreen.org.

- **New Business.**

- None.

- **Adjournment.** At 8:05 p.m., Abby made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Patrick and unanimously approved by the members present.