

Minutes
Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board
Monday, May 15, 2015, 5 p.m.
Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

Attendance: Joel Cluskey, chair; Michelle Zmijanac, vice chair; Jonathan Hill, Jim Martin, John Bendel, commission liaison; Susan Morgans, staff liaison. **Absent:** Anna Siefken, Yvette Yescas, Ben Wetmore

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Joel Cluskey called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES The April minutes were unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Joel Cluskey discussed how he will handle the agenda and committee assignments. Ben Wetmore will attend the next EDC meeting; Joel will attend the next Mt. Lebanon Partnership meeting. Commissioner Bendel said that it will be important for the Partnership to have HPB input in the Uptown streetscape. Susan Morgans will ask Eric Million to contact Joel for the June 5 Partnership meeting.

Joel met with Historical Society President Jim Wojcik, Manager Steve Feller, Solicitor Phil Weis and Planner Keith McGill regarding the update of the historic society building. Bids for the renovation, estimated to cost \$300,000-\$400,000, are to go out in July.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Virginia Manor Historic District – Yvette Yesses was not present, but Susan Morgans said everything was in order for the Virginia Manor neighborhood meeting on May 19. Jonathan Hill asked how the board can educate the public about design and if the Inspection Office can help. Susan suggested a post-card that inspectors can pass out suggesting the people contact the historic preservation board. She also said that the board should have people/process in place before

encouraging people to contact them for help. Jonathan Hill thinks a pattern book or visual plan is important. He will head up a Renovation Resources Sub-Committee and look into options for educating people about renovation guidelines. At the next meeting, Susan Morgans want group to choose five topics we could us to resurrect the “Preservation Road” series in *Mt. Lebanon Magazine*, providing tips on historic preservation and referring readers to archived article online. She will send Jonathan Hill a link to Yvette’s blogs

Brick Street Retention – Joel Cluskey said that the Castle Shannon Boulevard mitigation is in progress. PennDOT will pay for consultant to identify brick streets, evaluate their condition and prioritize them for restoration.

Certified Local Government via PHMA – no report

Historic District Signs Ben Wetmore has been working on this and will report at the next meeting. Susan Morgans suggested that board might suggest that the Police Department recommend the removal of some extraneous signs before adding more to the landscape.

Workshops Michelle Zmijanac will work with the public information office on a realtors coffee to be held in the fall. The historic preservation board will play an important part, but other important municipal issues also will be covered.

Historic District Tax Credits – no report, but Anna Siefken is to look into the possibility of a LERTA district and explore other incentives for residential renovation.

Historic District Walking Tour App – Jim Martin will continue to look into apps for walking or driving. He may look at spotlighting the historic houses John Conti included on several trolley tours.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20. Next meeting is Monday, June, at 5 p.m. in the municipal building.

