

Minutes
Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board
Monday, November 16, 2015, 5 p.m.
Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

Attendance: Joel Cluskey, chair; Michelle Zmijanac, vice chair; Jim Martin, Ben Wetmore, Jonathan Hill Absent: Anna Siefken, Yvette Yescas, Michelle Zmijanac

CALL TO ORDER: Joel Cluskey called meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES The October minutes were unanimously approved.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Historical Society — The society is still fund-raising toward its goal of beginning construction. Brien O’Neill was the well-received speaker at the society’s annual dinner auction.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Virginia Manor Historic District

Susan Morgans suggested that the money carried over from the Virginia Manor Design Guidelines project be used to conduct a workshop acquainting Virginia Manor resident and other interested residents with the guidelines as a resource.

Historic District Markers

Ben Wetmore has turned over the design for the house signs to the historical society to proceed with getting quotes from Franklin, then fabrication and sales. Susan Morgans will check with the solicitor to see if the design should be copyrighted or trademarked.

Renovation Resources: Jonathan Hill will talk with Louise Sturgess at Pittsburgh History and Landmarks (PHLF) to see if there are any other qualifying properties in Mt. Lebanon that could apply for local historic designation. He also will make sure that PHLF recognizes Mt. Lebanon’s National Register designation and he will talk to both Bill

Callahan and Louise about a program that allows owners whose properties are listed on the National Register to donate their facades for historic preservation. This is a project the board could work on in 2016 as applications are due December 16.

Workshops/Realtor Coffee: Jim Martin reported that the Public Information Office's realtors coffee confirmed that there is still some confusion about the various types of historic designations and their benefits. He said that the approximately 40 realtors who attended were very happy that Mt. Lebanon held the event.

OITHER BUSINESS:

Four Year Plan: Susan Morgans noted that the four year plan included seeking National Register Listing, establishing a template for local historic districts and pursuing historic preservation zoning and suggested that since the first two objective have been accomplished, the board might want to look into preservation zoning, particularly since there are plans to update the zoning ordinance in the next year or so. She also mentioned that there had at one time been discussion about creating a pattern book that would promote good design in a graphic format.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:01. Next meeting is Monday, January 18, at 5 p .m. in the municipal building.