

Minutes

Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, April 18, 2016, 5 p.m., Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS Sam Menk from Boy Scout Troop 284, which meets at Beverly Heights Church, introduced himself. He said attending a public meeting is a citizenship requirement.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES The March minutes were approved unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

Commission Commissioner John Bendel reported that the short brick stretch of Morrison Drive will be resurfaced with asphalt because of economic considerations. He said Public Works Superintendent Rudy Sukal has read the PennDOT brick street plan and said it changed his opinion of how streets should be prioritized. Mr. Bendel will arrange a meeting with Mr. Sukal and Susan Morgans to discuss the best way of moving forward.

Staff Susan Morgans provided brief information about the new condos planned for the corner of Washington and Bower Hill Roads.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development: Ben Wetmore said he sent a copy of the strategic plan for Washington Road to board members.

Historical Society Society President Jim Wojcik was not present, so various board members reported that the National Register historic house medallions are ready to be sold and that the trademarking of the medallion design is proceeding; the Post-Gazette paid a nice tribute to

the late Wallace Workmaster, a founding member of both the HPB and historical society, and, the final drawings for the Unitarian Church expansion are nearly complete.

Anna Siefken asked if she should follow up on her previous offer to write a letter that might help sell historic house markers. Joel Cluskey suggested she discuss this with Mr. Wojcik.

Brick Streets

Joel Cluskey attended a recent meeting with PennDOT on the brick street mitigation plan and told them the report was too quantitative. PennDOT will not change its quantitative approach but will note in the report that the municipality should take other things such as neighborhood character into consideration when allocating funding for street repair/reconstruction. Perhaps this will be helpful in making a future decision such as this year's call on Morrison.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Historic markers/signage John Bendel suggested that between now and fall, when budget deliberations get serious, the board should work on a plan with costs and locations for entry signs indicating the municipality's historic designation. He suggested that Joel Cluskey mention the general plan to the Commission when in discussion session next week. If the HPB has a good plan and a good price, the municipality likely would issue an RFP and the money would go into the public works department budget, Susan Morgans said.

Preservation Zoning Susan Morgans will bring the design guidelines for infill construction that currently are in the zoning ordinance to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:55. The next meeting is Monday, May 16, at 5 p.m.