

Minutes

Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, June 20, 2016, 5 p.m., Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

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

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair Michelle Zmijanac called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS There was no citizen comment.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES The May minutes were approved unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

There were no liaison reports

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no subcommittee reports

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Sign policy/Lebanon Hills

Susan Morgans reviewed the general content of the draft sign policy for the entrances to sub-divisions.

Lebanon Hills neighbors, Faith Williard, Norma and John Graybill and Julie Freedy, discussed the process they had used to design and secure funding pledges for an entry sign in the parklet at the entrance to Lebanon Hills Drive. They shared their proposed design, which was created by an architect neighbor and former member of Mt. Lebanon Planning Board. Their goal is to “preserve the character of the neighborhood and preserve property values.” The process included neighborhood meetings, research and cost estimates. The initial cost estimate is estimated to be \$8,000 be shared by voluntary contributions from 230 homes.

Susan Morgans will talk with Andrew to see whether the money could be given to Mt. Lebanon Municipality, which would then contract for the purchase and installation of the signs. Another possibility might be setting up a fund with Mt. Lebanon Community Endowment.

Anna Siefken suggested taking an inventory of the existing entry signs and perhaps creating a PowerPoint for discussion.

Susan Morgans will email the draft of the sign policy to the board. John Bendel will get the proposed sign policy/Lebanon Hills sign on a future Commission discussion agenda.

Brick Street Policy

John Bendel reported that residents of the brick portion of Morrison Drive scheduled to be rebuilt and surfaced with asphalt were upset. The Commission decided to defer that portion of the street repair program until next year in order to come up with a policy. The decision is not easy, even though brick clearly lasts longer than asphalt. The Commission typically has budgeted only \$50,000/year for brick replacement. The bid to do Morrison in brick was \$800,000; the bid to do it in asphalt was \$217,000.

The board volunteered to conduct research about brick streets over the next year.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Monday, August 15 at 5 p.m. in the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:05.