

## **Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 6 pm, Municipal Building

**ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Borrelli Dorn, chair; Dana Hackley, vice chair; Kiersten Lane, Robert Taylor, Catherine Schilken (phone), Mark Trumbull, Steve Silverman, commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison, Keith McGill, manager **Absent:** Matt Foreman

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Borrelli Dorn called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Daniel McNulty, one of the municipal high school interns, introduced himself. He attended the meeting with Assistant Municipal Manager Ian McMeans, who supervises the interns.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The October minutes were unanimously approved.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Chair**

Lisa Borrelli Dorn reported that all was moving forward well with the residents academy.

#### **Commission Liaison**

Steve Silverman updated the board on the municipal budget process.

Mr. Silverman and Manager McGill reviewed the status of Mt. Lebanon's equal opportunity;/anti-discrimination ordinance. Our solicitor continues to work on a work share plan with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission that would make Mt. Lebanon's board a conduit. We cannot select board members until we know what the responsibilities are and what skills are needed.

Dana Hackley said she is a big supporter of people's civil rights; however, she is concerned that the Mt. Lebanon ordinance is a duplication of effort and money and could perhaps subject the municipality to liability.

Mr. Silverman updated the board on the former Unity Committee, now called 11/17 and said the group may attend a future community relations board meeting.

### **Staff Liaison**

Susan Morgans reported the Commission wants to do a more specific survey than the general citizen satisfaction survey Mark Trumbull researched. The board decided to reconsider the idea of a survey—whether one is needed and if so, what kind—after the first of the year.

Susan reported on progress educating residents about the new recycling regulations that go into effect January 1. Glass and plastics 2-7 will no longer be accepted. Mt Lebanon continues to look for other options for recycling glass, hopefully through SHACOG, as the monthly tonnage currently recycled is too much for individual municipalities to manage.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **Residents Academy**

Academy is filled at 30. Wait list people were notified; several accepted. There is a waitlist established for next year. Speakers are slotted. Susan Morgans has asked the presenters (other than those in the municipal building) to be responsible for providing light refreshment). Amy Martin will order folders and supplies. Lisa Borrelli Dorn and/or Catherine Schilken should look over the folders to ensure everything needed is included.

All CRB members will try to attend at least one session.

The board will solicit testimonials from 2019 participants to put on the website for the next academy.

### **Community Service Award**

Bob Wagner and Dana Hackley will chair the nominations committee and add a third member, if necessary. Nomination form is live on website and will appear in December and Jan./Feb. magazines. Honoree will not be announced until the board has been notified.

### **Harwood Institute**

Assistant Manager Ian McMeans, who is on the Harwood team, will update the Community Relations Board and the Commission on the project.

**Resource Guide**

Dana Hackley will have the guide ready for review at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS****Meetings**

The board voted unanimously ( RW/KL) to cancel the December and January meetings. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. (KL/DH)