

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING MARCH 23, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually run Adjourned Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Commission President Mindy Ranney called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners Andrew Flynn, Leeann Foster, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman, and Mindy Ranney. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, I.T. Manager Schalles, Library Director Vittek, Chief Building Inspector Sarver, and Public Information Officer Lilley. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including review of Commission priorities in 2021, an update on stormwater projects, review of municipal financials, and heard information from commission liaisons on activities with various boards and authorities.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various legal issues. The Commission will go back into executive session following this meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 8 p.m., to be held remotely, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., to be held remotely, and the executive session starting at approximately 6 p.m. Until further notice, all public Commission meetings will be held on the Zoom webinar format. To watch or participate, you may register at www.mtlebanon.org/commission.

Mr. Flynn said as we emerge from winter, the Commission would like to wish residents a happy Passover, as it begins this Saturday, happy Holi this Sunday, and happy Easter on Sunday, April 4.

The Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department is thrilled to announce that the pool will be open starting Saturday, May 29, and passes are on sale now. As you would expect, capacity will be capped, and masks will be required when out of the water and unable to maintain physical distance, in addition to other safety rules. But for the first time ever, passes are available to purchase online, at mtlebanon.org.

The Veterans Breakfast Club, the Historical Society of Mount Lebanon and the Mt. Lebanon Public Library are teaming up to present "The Greatest Generation Live: WWII Roundtable," on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube, on two Tuesdays, April 20 and April 27. The program will feature an opportunity to chat and hear veterans' stories about the war. Register at www.veteransbreakfastclub.org.

If you are struggling to pay your rent due to the pandemic, Allegheny County is offering assistance to those who meet certain criteria. To apply, go to covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us. You can complete your application and upload required documents online. If you don't have WiFi or a computer or just need help filling out the application, contact ACTION-Housing at 412-248-0021. South Hills Interfaith Movement is also serving as a drop-in center for assistance at its center, 5301 Park Avenue, Bethel Park.

Make plans now to attend Mt. Lebanon's Earth Day virtual celebration starting at noon on Thursday, April 22, with a story map on Facebook. The program will include demonstrations, tips, music and even workshops on composting and making rain barrels. We'll have more details as they become available on the Mt. Lebanon website.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Ms. Foster read a Proclamation recognizing National Library Week.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER RUBY SIEFKEN COMMENTS

Ms. Siefken spoke about several fundraisers and events at the high school, including a Sarris Candy fundraiser for the PA Student Council for PASC Conference, and the Mini-Thon planning committee which will have a fundraiser at Panera on Wednesday, March 24, from 4-8 p.m. She stated that students are rallying behind a local cancer survivor, Lexi Ribstein, whose Lexistrong campaign is almost at her goal; it ends March 26. Ms. Siefken stated that she will place the link to for this campaign as well as information about the other events in Chat.

Ms. Seifken noted that elections for next year's Student Council will held on April 16. She also stated that beginning next week, students have the choice to attend in-person school five days a week.

COVID-19 UPDATE/INFORMATION

Ms. Lilley gave an update on COVID-19, stating that the cases of people testing positive are up slightly; however, the hospitalizations and the use of ventilators are down. She stated in Mt. Lebanon, there are 1,919 cumulative cases, 96 hospitalizations and 59 deaths. She stated that the pool will be opening, and passes are on sale. The recreation department wants to remind people to upload their i.d. when applying for a pool pass.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Don Dowdy of 326 Parkway Drive spoke in support of preserving brick streets. He also noted that cost comparison should include a longevity calculation.

Patrick Fitzgerald of 336 Parkway Drive spoke in support of keeping brick streets, stating that the sound of vehicles on the bricks makes it safer for children. He also noted the charm and history of brick streets.

Beth Kelly of 390 Parkway Drive spoke in support of preserving historic brick streets.

Richard Bogdanski of 386 Parkway Drive spoke in support of brick streets, stating the historical nature and character of Mt. Lebanon sets it apart from other communities.

Liz Hagan-Kanche of 339 Parkway Drive said that homes on this street are built of stone, slate roofs and on a brick street, which you don't find in newer neighborhoods. She asked that Mt. Lebanon retain the brick streets.

Luna Hu of 5000 Forbes Avenue stated that she worked on the brick street study, noting that the results were that the brick streets should be repaired.

Anna Seifken of 19 Woodland Drive, former Historic Preservation Board chair, stated that she is the teacher of Luna Hu, one of the students who worked on the brick street study. She stated that 22 of the 31 residents on Parkway Drive support keeping the brick street, which aligns with the brick study report that 89% of people living on brick streets want to keep them. Ms. Seifken stated that a decision should be held until a brick policy is in place.

Barry Long of 343 Parkway Drive, former Planning Board member, stated that he wanted to keep the brick streets, stating that the street is distinctive, neighborly, timeless and for the past 100 years, has been cost effective by not costing the municipality anything to maintain. He asked that these points be taken into consideration when rendering a decision.

Stacie Hill of 350 Parkway Drive spoke in support of keeping the yellow brick road. She said that she moved to Mt. Lebanon from Chicago and decided to rent a house and take a year to find a neighborhood in Mt. Lebanon. She stated that she chose Parkway Drive because of the brick road and charm of the neighborhood.

Paul Mooney of 323 Parkway Drive spoke in support of keeping brick streets, stating that brick streets are instrumental in slowing down vehicles.

Jeannete Bourdeau-Ott of 315 Parkway Drive stated that she supports maintaining brick streets, adding that bricks slow down traffic.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2021**

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Foster seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BOARDS

Mr. Silverman said the Municipality maintains 17 boards and authorities involving 103 citizen volunteers. The Commission thanks all of these dedicated residents for their hours of service to the municipality. At this time, it is necessary to reappoint members who are eligible for another term and to appoint new members to fill vacancies caused by board member retirements or resignations.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to reappoint:

Name	Address	Board	Term Expiring
Kristin Meier	Kenilworth Drive	Equal Opportunity	03/31/26
Krista Ford	Inglewood Avenue	Historic Preservation	03/31/24
Matthew Moses	Pueblo Drive	Historic Preservation	03/31/24
Christine Menand	Jefferson Drive	Library	03/31/24
Brad McKibben	Helen Drive	Parking Facilities	03/31/24
Richard Heyse	Rock Haven Lane	Parks Advisory	03/31/24

Paul Kraus	Duquesne Drive	Pension	03/31/24
Rich Marchione	Crystal Drive	Pension	03/31/24
Clint Rounsfull	Washington Road	Planning	03/31/25
Christopher Sloan	Coolidge Avenue	Traffic	03/31/24
Robert Waine	Arrowood Drive	Traffic	03/31/24
Hillary Taylor	Pinewood Drive	Zoning Hearing	03/31/24

And to appoint:

Name	Address	Board	Term Expiring
Carl Bergamini	Morrison Drive	Board of Appeals	03/31/26
Leah Lahoda	Shadowlawn Avenue	Community Relations Ward 1	03/31/24
Pamela Hansen	Parkview Drive	Community Relations Ward 5	03/31/24
Seth Davis	N. Meadowcroft Ave.	Economic Development	03/31/25
Jennifer Hisdorf	Moreland Drive	Economic Development	03/31/25
Amy Hrivnak	Broadmoor Avenue	Economic Development (Unexpir.)	03/31/22
Claire Kist	Duquesne Drive	Environmental Sustainability	03/31/24
Megan Stahl	Hazel Drive	Environmental Sustainability	03/31/24
Jennifer Rick	Sunridge Drive	Environmental Sustainability	03/31/24
Christine Phillips	Altadena Drive	Environ. Sustainability (Unexpired)	03/31/22
Robert Taylor	Catalpa Place	Library Board	03/31/24
Tim Clougherty	Old Hickory Road	Parking Facilities	03/31/24
Lisa Hurm	Questend Avenue	Parking Facilities (Unexpired)	03/31/22
Robert Mackey	Royce Avenue	Parks Advisory	03/31/24
Peter Argentine	Mayfair Avenue	Parks Advisory	03/31/24
John Kerber	Mapleton Avenue	Pension	03/31/24
Chris Wiles	Rock Haven Lane	Pension (Unexpired)	03/31/22
Rebecca Griffith	Pinewood Drive	Planning	03/31/25
Katie Sharon	Morrison Avenue	Sports Advisory (Indoor Tennis)	03/31/24
Edward Cipriano	Bower Hill Road	Sports Advisory (Basketball)	03/31/24
Kristen Reisinger	Twin Hills Drive	Sports Advisory (Lacrosse)	03/31/24
Kari Resler	Altadena Drive	Sports Advisory (Aqua Club)	03/31/24
Stephen Strotmeyer	Shady Drive E	Sports Advisory (At Large/Unexp.)	03/31/22
Andrew Campanaro	Carleton Drive	Zoning Hearing Alternate	03/31/24

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE ANNUAL STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

Mr. Flynn said two sealed bids were received on March 8, 2021 for Contractual Street Sweeping as follows:

Street Sweeping Program	2021
Steel Rivers COG	\$29,000.00 + \$550.00/response (30 Bus. Dist. Responses) \$45,500.00
Ike Construction Inc.	\$43,700.00 + \$450.00/response (30 Bus. Dist. Responses) \$57,200.00
Three Complete Sweeps of Streets & Highways in the Municipality and 30 Business District Responses	

The bid was advertised in the Post-Gazette, and specifications were mailed to six contractors. The low bidder has provided similar services in the municipality. \$50,000 has been appropriated in the 2021 operating budget. The Director of Public Works recommends the award of the contract to Steel Rivers COG.

Mr. Flynn moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to award the 2021 Street Sweeping Program contract for a total of \$45,500 to Steel Rivers COG. This contract provides three complete sweeps and 30 business district sweeps. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Ms. Foster said the current access control system and software has become outdated and is now beyond its useful life.

This purchase includes the installation and configuration of new controller boards, connections, power supplies and management software. The new equipment will tie into our existing readers, making the system completely current.

The total purchase price for the equipment, installation, and service hosting for 2021 as quoted by Builders Hardware under PA Costars Contract #008-248 is \$57,772.42. The budgeted amount for this upgrade is \$63,060.

Ms. Foster moved and Mr. Grella seconded to purchase the Access Control equipment from Builders Hardware at a total price of \$57,772.42. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE
LIST FOR FEBRUARY TOTALING \$4,829,965.42**

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Foster seconded to approve the expenditure list for February totaling \$4,829,965.42. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Silverman asked that the reports be received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.