

## Minutes

### Mt. Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, March 15, 2021, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building (Teams)

**Attendance: Present:** Matthew Moses, chair; Joe Bevins, Alex Ferraro, Philip Neusius, Marilyn Oberst-Horner, Anne Swager; Commission liaison Mindy Ranney, Staff liaison Laura Pace Lilley.

**Absent:** Krista Ford

**Call to order:** Board member Matthew Moses called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Citizen comments:** none

#### **Consideration of February 2021 minutes:**

The February minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Administrative Reports**

**Chair report** — Matthew Moses discussed the procedure for selecting the chair and vice chair at the next meeting. Anne Swager has volunteered to serve as chair and both Phil Neusius and Alex Ferraro volunteered to serve as vice chair.

**Commission report** — Mindy Ranney gave an update on the municipal swim center. She also told the board she would soon have bid information for brick and asphalt reconstruction of Parkway Drive, a brick street, and that she would let the board know what the estimates were. It is an alternate in the bid process, so it may not be done in 2021.

Ranney said the EDC is working on a Complete Streets proposal and she said she would forward it to all interested Historic Preservation Board members.

She said the HPB will be going in front of the Commission at an upcoming discussion meeting to give a quick presentation.

Ranney and Anne Swager summarized the brick street policy committee's meeting with engineering staff from Canton, Ohio. Ranney said the brick subcommittee will be meeting with Public Works Director Rudy Sukal and Municipal Engineer Matt Bagaley.

Ranney also said the HPB may want to look at recommending a teardown ordinance sometime soon to make sure the proposed demolition in Virginia Manor doesn't happen again.

**Staff report** — Laura Lilley summarized two letters to the board and asked board members to volunteer to respond on behalf of the board. The first letter was about gas meter relocation and the second letter was about potential renovations to a Four Square, Sears home.

**Continuing business**

**Historic signage:** Anne Swager said Kolano Designs is wrapping up work on the sign design and that she needed to get the sign sizes from Sukal. Kolano will then design to the shortest length of sign.

**Brick streets:** Matthew Moses said the Canton meeting was fascinating and that he was impressed by the internal policy at Canton called for being an enthusiastic proponent for brick streets, and that generally, the town is not reconstructing any brick streets with something other than brick. Neusius emphasized that it wasn't a policy but a goal to not replace brick streets. He also noted that Canton has an income tax increase that supports brick streets in part. Swager said culturally, they really are focused on saving everything.

**Three-year strategic plan:** No report

**Liaison reports:**

**Lebanon Economic Development Council,** Joe Bevins: Nothing to report relative to the HPB.

**Historical Society of Mount Lebanon,** No report.

**Planning Board,** Matthew Moses said there were three projects in front of the planning board: a subdivision plan for Osage Road, an apartment complex near McNeilly Road and a patio expansion to Primanti Bros. on Washington Road.

**Partnership Design Committee,** Joe Bevins said the Vibrant Uptown project is in the bidding phase. LaQuatra Bonci Associates, the landscape architect, has answered all questions so far. Bevins said the Partnership is now discussing public art for the project, and Bevins is keeping the group apprised of the HPB's goals.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, April 19, 2021, at 5 p.m. on Teams.