

## Minutes

### Mt. Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, May 17, 2021, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building (Teams)

**Attendance: Present:** Anne Swager, chair; Alex Ferraro, Krista Ford, Philip Neusius, Marilyn Oberst-Horner, Anne Swager; Commission liaison Mindy Ranney; Staff liaison Katie Wagner (filling in). **Absent:** Joe Bevins, Matthew Moses; Staff liaison Laura Pace Lilley

**Call to order:** Board member Anne Swager called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Citizen comments: none**

#### **Consideration of April 2021 minutes:**

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Administrative Reports**

**Chair report** — Anne Swager – No report

**Commission report** — Mindy Ranney reported that the Commission approved the Vibrant Uptown bids for nearly \$4 million, with the construction phase set to start in June. The work will include demolishing planters, reworking placemaking spaces, improving ADA ramps, putting in new planters with irrigation, some with new seats, new streetlights and new sidewalks.

The municipality will be undertaking a feasibility study for the rec center and parks master plan. The result will be a 12-year master plan. The process will include a lot of opportunity for input.

**Staff report** — No report

#### **Continuing business**

**Historic signage:** Anne Swager said she was waiting for the final plans from the sign design firm and she will distribute them when they come in.

**Brick streets:** Anne Swager said the brick streets subcommittee has been gathering information from local municipalities, including Oakmont and Aspinwall. She reported that Phil and she had found brick streets plans. Marilyn Oberst-Horner said Aspinwall has no plan, although they do want to preserve the brick streets. They will potentially be doing Delafield Avenue. Aspinwall is interested in pooling resources, including purchasing of brick. Oberst-Horner said Aspinwall also got a state grant. The municipal standard cost for the road would have been \$1 million, but to bring it to PennDOT standards, it would be \$2 million, and only \$500,000 to put asphalt on it.

Part of the issue with modular restoration is that it doesn't address the stormwater issues because that infrastructure is put in during a full reconstruction, Ranney said. She said sometimes curbs can be used to help with stormwater. Swager said that means they should add a question to their fact-finding...how to other places deal with stormwater?

Swager said Oakmont is fixing Allegheny River Boulevard incrementally. Phil Neusius said it is a different project because our brick streets are in neighborhoods, rather than Allegheny River Boulevard, which is a main thoroughfare. Oakmont also has a fund that people donate to for upkeep.

Commissioner Ranney suggested the board get in line to get on a discussion agenda for July or August.

**Liaison reports:**

**Lebanon Economic Development Council, Joe Bevins:** No report.

**Historical Society of Mount Lebanon,** Krista Ford said the Society said they are planning a scavenger hunt in Uptown and an Earth Day activity in Bird Park. The Society is currently open on Saturday, with the intent to open on Sundays at some point. They are at 15 percent capacity, which is about 12 people in the building at one time. Walking tours will resume soon. They will be partnering with the library on a virtual history of Mt. Lebanon and will be re-invigorating their social media presence. The goal is to double their membership. They have added a business membership and possibly, 3- to 5-year membership.

**Planning Board, Matthew Moses** was not at the meeting but gave his report to Swager. The plans for 62 Cedar Boulevard for a duplex in an R4 area. He felt the plans fit in with the neighborhood.

**Partnership Design Committee,** No report, but Swager mentioned that the Vibrant Uptown bids would be awarded.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, June 21, 2021, at 5 p.m. on Teams.