

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2017
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon Pennsylvania held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Municipal Building. Commission President Dave Brumfield called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Keith McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Steve McLean, Steve Silverman and Dave Brumfield. Commissioner Kelly Fraasch was not present. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Public Works Director Sukal, and Public Information Officer Morgans. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Matt Bagaley of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including review of the Main Entrance parking restrictions, review of a possible brick street policy, discussed the 2017 street program, as well as heard a report on the controlled archery hunt results. The assessment appeals item was tabled until the next meeting, along with the boards and authorities update. Mr. McGill added that item nine on the regular agenda regarding assessment appeals was also being tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. McGill stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on several issues. He stated that the next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017, at 8 p.m. The discussion session will also begin approximately 6:15 p.m., in Room C.

Mr. Silverman stated that the municipality is accepting applications for municipal board and authority positions; the information is listed on Mt. Lebanon's website. He also spoke about the re-enactment of the President Grant presentation that is being held at the library, on Wednesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. He also said that the community relations board will be sponsoring an art project next month for middle and high school students called Unity in the Community.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH GLADDEN COMMENTS

Elizabeth Gladden introduced herself stating that she is a junior at the high school, and she is a member of the student council, ski club, lacrosse and tennis team. She spoke about various projects that students participated in to give back to the community, including visiting Children's Hospital, providing food to the Red Door facility, and collecting items to give to veterans at the Veterans Hospital. She also spoke about student parking, asking that the commissioners' lot and Dixon lot be considered for student parking.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Ferari of 20 Lebanon Hills Drive spoke against student parking in front of his house and on Lebanon Hills Drive. He stated that over the years, there would be one or two student vehicles on the street, but now there are 25 or more vehicles daily. He said that he works from home, and this area is congested at the end of the school day. He spoke in support of restricting parking in this area. He added that when buying a home in this area, residents aren't buying a student commuter parking lot.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke about traffic issues involving vehicles that he witnessed. He said that there is not a deer issue in the community.

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive stated that she witnessed a woman attempting to cross Bower Hill Road in a crosswalk, but no vehicle stopped to let her cross. She also spoke about deer/vehicle accidents.

Chief Lauth explained the procedure in determining deer/vehicle collisions.

Carmen Furfaro of 35 Lebanon Hills Drive stated that this road has become a parking lot. He spoke in support of restricting parking in this area.

Amy Pople of 217 Outlook Drive stated that parked vehicles cause this area to be congested and dangerous. She stated that many walkers and joggers use Outlook to avoid Washington Road, and the parked vehicles create an unsafe condition.

Mark Furry of 203 Outlook Drive said that what was once a quiet street is now a parking lot. He spoke in support of restricting parking in this area.

Shawn Martin of 115 Main Entrance Drive spoke in support of restricting parking in this area, stating that the restrictions put in place are working. He also thanked the Commission for implementing the deer management program, which he stated he strongly supports.

Alisa Nash of 30 Lebanon Hills Drive stated that she's seeing the same vehicles park on the street during school hours. She also inquired as to how much longer the school construction is expected to last.

Manny Bhojwani of 31 Lebanon Hills Drive stated that these parking restrictions are targeted at the students. He stated that he's disappointed with his neighbors regarding this issue. He stated that he backs out of his driveway every day without any issues. He believed the students were being discriminated against.

Chris Schulz of 200 Outlook Drive stated that he's not anti-student, but it doesn't excuse the fact that his neighborhood has become a parking lot. He spoke in support of restricting parking in this area, stating that the zoning ordinance supports parking restrictions.

John Lankford of 211 Outlook Drive spoke in support of expanded parking restrictions.

Kimberly Schevtchuk of 519 Lyndhurst Drive stated that she opposes the use of high-powered rifles on private property and in parks within the community. She inquired about the type of bait that was being used, how it was being placed, and how many private properties were being used. She stated that Mt. Lebanon was placing politics over public safety.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
FROM THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 2017**

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-1-17, THE
STANDARD RESOLUTION FOR A PLANNING MODULE
FOR THE PROPOSED SENIOR APARTMENTS OF MOUNT LEBANON**

Mr. McLean said as a part of the land development permit process, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) requires a Planning Module to be submitted to account for the sewage from the proposed Senior Apartments of Mount Lebanon. The standard resolution associated with the Planning Module is an update to the Municipalities “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” to include the development.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the document and recommends adoption of the resolution and transmitting it to the PADEP.

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-1-17 for a New Land Development for the Senior Apartments of Mount Lebanon project and transmit the Planning Module to the PADEP. The vote was called. Mr. Bendel stated that he would be abstaining from voting since he was the former director of the nonprofit that owned the property prior to the sale. The motion passed with three votes and one abstention.

**CONSIDERATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED
BALL FIELD AND NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

Mr. Bendel said the Clint Seymour Play Ball Fund and the Municipality previously entered into an Agreement under which the Fund agreed to provide improvements to Wildcat Field and the Field was renamed Clint Seymour Field. The parties desire to amend the Agreement to adjust the improvements to be made. Instead of a new scoreboard, additional fencing, safety features, bullpen improvements and an identification sign will be installed.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. McLean seconded to authorize the execution by the Manager of the amended and restated agreement subject to any minor revisions approved by the Manager and the Solicitor. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS

Mr. Silverman said Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for its employees: General Employees, Police and Firemen. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of the Auditor General requires that all benefit commencements for the Police Pension Plan be approved by the Commission. It also recommends that all benefit commencements regardless of plan type be approved by the Commission.

The employee detailed below has requested benefit commencement commensurate with the terms of his respective pension plan.

Employee Name Title	Pension Plan Department	Benefit Start Date
Robert Gaetano Lieutenant	Firemen Fire	2/1/2017

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to approve benefit commencement for Robert Gaetano. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO REVISE RECENTLY-ESTABLISHED
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A TRIAL BASIS ON MAIN ENTRANCE
DRIVE, CIRCLE DRIVE, OUTLOOK DRIVE AND LEBANON HILLS
DRIVE. THE REVISED RESTRICTIONS AS PROPOSED WOULD PROHIBIT
PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 – 9 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH
FRIDAY ON SCHOOL DAYS FOR AN EXPANDED AREA ON THESE STREETS**

Mr. McLean said residents of Main Entrance Drive and Lebanon Hills Drive have expressed a concern over increased parking on these streets. The residents attended several traffic board meetings to express their concerns.

The Home Rule Charter and Municipal Code contains a provision allowing for the establishment of traffic regulations for a trial period to determine their effectiveness before making such regulations permanent. At the expiration of the designated trial period, the Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of such regulations and shall either:

- make such traffic regulations permanent;
- revise, modify or rescind such traffic regulations; or
- establish an additional trial period to permit further study and evaluation of such traffic regulations.

Temporary traffic regulations, when established in accordance with this Part 3, shall have the full force and effect of law.

At a prior Commission meeting, parking restrictions were put in place on a trial basis. Based on field observations and resident input, the Commission wishes to revise the area where the parking restrictions were established by expanding the restrictions to the area originally recommended by the Traffic Engineer.

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to revise recently-established parking restrictions on a trial basis on Main Entrance Drive, Circle Drive, Outlook Drive and Lebanon Hills Drive to prohibit parking between the hours of 7 – 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on school days to the area originally recommended by the Traffic Engineer, and to further direct that the appropriate signage be posted. The parking restrictions will be reevaluated in six months.

The Commission discussed this issue at length.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to amend the motion to have the municipal manager direct employees to explore opening up the commissioners' lot and the Dixon lot as alternative parking if necessary. The vote was called. The amended motion carried unanimously.

The vote was called on the original motion with the amended verbiage. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE THREE POLICE VEHICLES

Mr. Bendel said the police department has asked to purchase three Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles for use by the patrol unit. These new vehicles will replace older vehicles that have reached their useful end of life. The vehicles were bid through the South Hills Area Council of Government (SHACOG) joint purchasing program as follows:

2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility – Patrol

Day	Woltz & Wind	Tri Star	New Holland
\$32,239.00	\$32,535.00	\$32,625.00	\$33,118.00

Day Ford was the low bidder for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles. The purchase price for three vehicles totals \$96,717.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. McLean seconded to award the bids for the three vehicles through the SHACOG joint purchasing program to the low bidder, Day Ford, at a total price of \$96,717. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMPER

Mr. McLean said the fire department worked with the vendors listed on the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to develop specifications for a new pumper. NJPA’s cooperative contract purchasing leverages the national purchasing power of more than 50,000-member agencies while also streamlining the required purchasing process. As a municipal national contracting agency, NJPA establishes and provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts under the guidance of the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.

The NJPA’s fire apparatus vendors included Smeal Fire Apparatus and Rosenbauer America. After meeting with both vendors, developing a general specification, and receiving preliminary pricing from both vendors, the fire department apparatus committee recommends Rosenbauer America, whose preliminary pricing was lower than Smeal Fire Apparatus and whose specifications the committee was able to work with to get within the budgeted amount of \$575,000.

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to award the contract for the purchase of a pumper to Rosenbauer America for a total price of \$575,000. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

To: Keith McGill
From: John Bendel
Date: February 14, 2017
Re: Abstention from vote

I am abstaining from voting on the planning module for the Senior Apartment. I was a Director of the prior owner of the property prior to its sale. I also request that this memo be filed with the minutes of tonight's meeting.