

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually run Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, August 10, 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, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, Assistant Fire Chief Daniels, I.T. Manager Schalles, Chief Building Inspector Sarver, Human Resource Officer Cross, Library Director Vittek, 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 and discussion with the Historic Preservation Board regarding historic district signs and brick streets, an update on the status of the Parks Master Plan, review of a draft ordinance pertaining to alcohol in the parks, and also 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 and also discuss the appointment of Junior Commissioners. Following tonight's meeting, the Commission will go back into executive session. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 8 p.m., to be held in person as well as on Zoom, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., and the executive session starting at approximately 6 p.m. The meeting scheduled for August 24 is cancelled.

Mr. Flynn said in October 2020, the Mt. Lebanon Police Department began working with Lexipol, a company of highly regarded national experts that help police departments review and develop policies, with the goal of keeping the public and officers safe. Lexipol's model combines best practices from around the country with vast knowledge about federal and state requirements to ensure police departments have the most updated information available to guide them in their decision-making. Last year, Lexipol reviewed more than 14,000 pieces of legislation and worked with more than 8,100 public safety agencies.

During our project, a working group including police officers and leadership, went through approximately 160 department policies, line by line, to ensure the policy followed best practices and was consistent with how the department should operate. Lexipol also provides the Department with ongoing training to ensure every officer understands each policy, which leads to better decisions and officer accountability.

The result of this work is that the Mt. Lebanon Police Department has an excellent foundation from which to operate. In an effort to increase transparency into MLPD operations, on September 1, every one of these policies will be available to the public, at [mtlebanonpd.org](http://mtlebanonpd.org). The Commission has been engaged, involved and informed during the review and development of these policies and the police department has our full support. These policies hold our officers to exceedingly high standards and we are thankful for the months of careful work that went into this effort.

Finally, this project will continue to evolve as Lexipol keeps us constantly informed of changes to best practices.

Staying on the same topic, I would like to thank the Mt. Lebanon Police Department for its work during the July 29 critical incident. Our officers performed heroically during a violent and chaotic situation. While we are very sorry that the incident involved the death of three individuals, the Department's thorough training, expert preparation and careful operation prevented the loss of more life. The Commission would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the family of the victims. Our hearts are with you and our officers as we all heal from this difficult situation.

We are also mourning the death of crossing guard Richard (Dick) Dufner, who has been a valued member of our team since November of 2016. He is remembered for always saying "yes" when asked to work any post. We will miss him and we send our condolences to his wife, Diane, and his entire family.

Due to Allegheny County being in the "substantial" level of COVID-19 cases, Mt. Lebanon is requiring everyone to wear masks inside all municipal facilities, including the Municipal Building, Public Safety Center, Mt. Lebanon Public Library and all indoor recreation buildings. Masks will be available for anyone who does not have one.

Join us at 8:25 a.m. on September 11, outside the Public Safety Center on Washington Road for "A Day to Remember," our community commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the attacks on our nation. The program includes addresses from State Representative Dan Miller, State Senator Devlin Robinson, moments of silence and a silent walk- through Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. Thanks to our Fire Chief Nick Sohyda for putting together this meaningful event.

And finally, the USDA and the Allegheny Health Department are continuing to drop rabies vaccines from aircraft throughout the month. The goal is to reach raccoons, but it's possible you or your pet may come across it on a walk. The oral rabies vaccine bait consists of a square block made from a compressed mixture of fishmeal and fish oil known to attract raccoons. The vaccine (dyed pink) is inside a plastic packet in the middle of the block. Although baits are not harmful to pets, it could give them digestive discomfort. You are asked to keep dogs and cats inside or on leash, so pets don't eat the baits before raccoons can. Details are at [mtlebanon.org](http://mtlebanon.org) under "trending now."

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2021**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 7-21) ACCEPTING  
THE DEDICATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER FOR THE  
ROLLING LAMBERT SUBDIVISION PLAN ALONG WASHINGTON ROAD**

Mr. Flynn said Rolling Lambert, LLC, developer of the properties in the Rolling Lambert Subdivision Plan has constructed an extension of the Municipal sanitary sewer that runs from an existing eight-inch line at the rear of the development. The sanitary system includes the eight-inch sanitary sewer and three manholes within the easement area shown in the Exhibit Plan Utility & Access Easement. The ownership of the four-inch lateral lines is property of the respective townhouse owners.

The installation of the sanitary sewer line was inspected by the Municipal Engineer's office and the final testing verified on July 24, 2020.

The Municipal Engineer is now recommending adoption of an ordinance for accepting the dedication of the sanitary sewer in the Rolling Lambert Subdivision Plan.

Ordinance (Bill No. 7-21) was introduced.

**RECEIPT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

Ms. Foster said as required by the Charter, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2022-2026 was submitted to the Commission on August 1, 2021. A public hearing is required to be held on this program prior to the issuance of the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Ms. Foster acknowledged Commission receipt of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and Ms. Ranney set the public hearing for October 12, 2021.

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL APPROVAL OF THE ENCLAVE AT  
BIRD PARK SUBDIVISION PLAN AT 1100 WASHINGTON ROAD**

Mr. Silverman said Flash Point Partners, LLC owns the property located at 1100 Washington Road. The property is currently divided into two parcels with a total acreage of 2.5615 acres. The minor subdivision plan seeks to remove the existing interior lot line and create three parcels on the site. The new parcels will be 18,420 square feet, 18,465 square feet, and 74,702.80 square feet. The property is zoned as R-1 residential, and the proposed lots comply with the Zoning Ordinance requirements for the district.

The Planning Board granted preliminary approval and recommended final approval at its meeting on July 20, 2021. All engineering comments have been addressed.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to grant final approval to the Enclave at Bird Park Subdivision Plan to create three parcels at 1100 Washington Road. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE AS JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Flynn said the Commission received applications from several highly qualified applicants for Junior Commissioner. The applicants were interviewed by a committee.

Mr. Flynn moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to make the following Junior Commissioner appointments: Raafay Khan and Anna Mares.

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCK KENNEL**

Mr. Grella said Commission approval is requested to purchase one custom-built Animal Control Truck Kennel from Sabre Equipment Inc. at a purchase price of \$58,938. This new kennel will replace a kennel that was built in 1985 and has reached its useful end of life. Previously approved budgeted funds for the South Hills Cooperative Animal Control will be used for the purchase of the new kennel. Sabre Equipment Inc. has quoted the custom-built kennel under CoStars Contract #013-007. The budgeted amount is \$60,000.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Foster seconded to purchase one custom-built Animal Control Truck Kennel from Sabre Equipment Inc. at a purchase price of \$58,938. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.