

Mt. Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Attendees:

Megan Stahl, Chairperson
Jennifer Rick
Sean Battis
David Kahler
Andrew Flynn, Commission Liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Claire Kist
Tim Reidy

- **Public Comment:** None

- **Approval of August 2022 Minutes.** Jenn motioned to approve the July 2022 minutes. Sean seconded and all members in attendance approved.

- **ESB Business**

- **Melinda Berdyck, School Board Liaison** – Introduction. Melinda Berdyck introduced herself and expressed her excitement at being part of the ESB as a liaison from the school district.
- **Felix Yang, Junior Board Member Liaison** – Introduction. Felix introduced himself and explained that he was a junior at Mt. Lebanon high school. He stated that he wanted to work in tandem with the ESB and the Environmental Club.
- **CAP – Next steps.** Commissioner Flynn explained that the CAP was intended as preparation to introduce environmental strategies into the Comprehensive Plan process. He further explained that Ian McMeans, Assistant Manager, was referencing the CONNECT CAP as part of this as well.
- **Discussion of policy ideas.** Megan introduced this topic as possible ideas for the ESB to explore. Commission Flynn stated that some of the items might involve policies and others, ordinances, and explained the difference between the two. The members discussed each of the items below.
 - Municipal ban on purchasing Styrofoam or single-use plastics for consumables. The schools had started this, but when Covid hit, had to revert back to Styrofoam.

- Electric vehicle charging. The municipality is looking into this and there may be federal grants. An EV ordinance would need to be developed.
 - Roof top solar. An ordinance would have to be developed in addition to public education. The ESB could facilitate this.
 - Transportation policies.
 - Getting cars off the roads/safer space for alternative transportation options. A transportation plan is down the line. Complete Streets is a first step.
 - Municipal fleet fuel efficiency. Create a policy and set targets.
 - Water quality, rain gardens, etc. The municipality has made a lot of improvements in this area. Rain gardens require a lot of upkeep; it may be better to encourage residents to utilize them.
 - Waste Management, composting, etc.
 - Other?
- **Commission Business**
 - Complete Streets Policy. Commissioner Flynn shared the draft policy and asked if there were comments. He stated that it would be discussed with the Commission in an upcoming meeting.
 - **New Business.** Jenn told the group that the Nature Conservancy had obtained a grant to remove invasives and asked for volunteers. She also informed everyone about the Global Free Action workshop from September 21-23.
 - **Adjournment.** Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jenn and unanimously approved by the members present.