

Called to Order: 6:00 pm

In Attendance (asterisk indicates voting board member)

- Anne Swager-Wilson, Commission Liaison
- Laura Pace Lilley, Public Information Officer
- Robyn Vittek, Staff Liaison
- *Noah Evans, Board Chair
- *Stephanie Fedro-Byrom
- *Leah Lahoda
- *Livia Macedo
- *Terry Timm

Attending Virtually:

- *Adam Flango, Board Vice-Chair
- *David Gloss (left at 6:15 pm)
- *Margaret Izzo

Absent:

- *Geron Oakley
- *Joelle Schultz
- Claire Bruno, Jr. Board Member

Citizens' Comments:

- None

February 2024 Minutes:

Approved Unanimously
 Motion: Lahoda
 Second: Macedo

REPORTS

Board Chair – Evans

- Final meeting – reviewed history of Community Relations Board and achievements from [website](#)
- Evans, Flango, Izzo, and Timm applied and were appointed to the [Civic Engagement Advisory Board](#). First meeting is Wednesday, April 3.

Commission Liaison – Swager-Wilson

- New municipal advisory boards go into effect April 1, 2024
 - April meetings will serve as orientation for each board
 - Plans to standardize minutes format, etc
 - 9 board members on each advisory board – attempt to have each ward represented through board member selections
- Parks and Recreation Plan – the Rec Center is not ADA-compatible, which is “reprehensible” – new plans for building include an elevator and inside views of ice rink
- Sports Authority Board provided comprehensive field usage report at 3/11 discussion meeting

- MLPD Chief Haberman will soon present at discussion session re: the social worker/ mental health officer program.
 - This position will be a 'wrap-around person' who will help connect residents with social services network

Public Information Officer – Lilley

- Volunteer Dinner 3/27 – please RSVP as soon as possible if you haven't already.
- Outreach Teen & Family Services – 50th anniversary gala
<https://outreachteen.org/events/connections-gala-wonderland/>

Staff Liaison (Library Director)– Vittek

- Thank you to all who have served on CRB and the good work of the board
- Winter Reading Challenge open through March 20 for teens, adults
- Peeps Diorama Contest – will accept entries week of April 1-7
- National Library Week April 7-13
- Michael Pollan – Mt. Lebanon Speaker Series – 5.1.24
 - Tickets \$25: <https://mtlebanonlibrary.salsalabs.org/michaelpollan/index.html>
- Friends of the Library Plant Sale Saturday, May 11 from 10a-2p– also first day of Uptown Farmer's Market

Junior Board Member - Bruno (absent)

- Lilley: Junior Board Members will end their service this month and will not be reassigned to the new boards this term.

CONTINUING BUSINESS (led by Evans unless otherwise listed)

DEI Initiative

- Ascend Lebo
 - New [Civic Engagement Advisory] Board will help with designated part of comprehensive plan
- Events (Flango)
 - The municipality has created events policy for all advisory boards to follow going forward – the municipal manager must approve all participation
- Police Partnership (Timm)
 - Coffee with a Cop – Tuesday, 4/16 from 8-11 am – Uptown Coffee
- Training
 - HR Director Julie Aquino will be assisting with Civic Engagement Advisory Board

CRB Magazine Column

- Citizens' Service Award winner will be featured: Annie Skiba of Mt. Lebanon Partnership.

Citizens' Mediations (Izzo)

- A couple pending – municipality has been very supportive and helpful in getting word out about the service

Residents' Academy (Lahoda, Flango)

- Fantastic – good (anecdotal) responses
- Flango: Collecting survey data
 - So far, great increase in knowledge and appreciation of local government services
 - Age range – very broad, also length of residency
- Knowledge and engagement of presenters is impressive
- Incorporated more networking time for attendees
- Lilley: submit receipts for reimbursement

Citizens' Service Award (Flango)

- Selected and alerted candidate – Annie Skiba
- Awards dinner is 3/27 at Public Safety Center: Vittek will introduce CRB member presenting (Flango) who will introduce winner

NEW BUSINESS

- Flango: CRB Experience Survey
 - 4/10 responses – all noted high engagement
 - What has worked well:
 - Vittek has been good communicator as staff liaison
 - Important that community has a place to address DEI issues
 - Communications
 - Regular projects (Citizens' Award, Residents' Academy, etc)
 - What could be improved
 - Goals and objectives needed to be more clear
 - Responses from municipality – roadblocks to DEI work kept it from moving forward
 - Action not taken on work completed
 - Fedro-Byrom: Community Events
 - LeboPride 6/15
 - Juneteenth 6/22

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 pm (approximately)