

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2024 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Monday, June 10, 2024. Commission President Swager Wilson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Anne Swager Wilson, Jeff Siegler, Steve Silverman, Craig Grella and Andrew Flynn. Also, present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Haberman, Fire Chief Sohyda, Director of Finance McCreery, Library Director Vittek, Public Information Officer Lilley, and IT director Schalles. Also present was Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including information provided in an Electrify Allegheny Report on locations and associated costs for the installation of level two charging stations at the public safety center, the public works yard and the Academy lot. Gateway Engineers provided information on Cycle 10 GROW grant applications and other reports required to be submitted as well as a GROW grant application for Beggs Snyder Park. There was a presentation on the south garage study and the associated scope of services and related costs. Finally, there were updates on various activities from the commissioners for those boards to which they are liaison to.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on a variety of topics and also to discuss an appointment to one of our advisory boards. The next adjourned meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at 8 pm to be held in Commission Chambers, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., to be held in Room C. These meetings are available on Zoom. The executive session starts at approximately 6 p.m.

Commissioner Grella announced that a sure sign of summer is The Mt. Lebanon Public Library annual garden tour ... this year it will be Sunday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 the day of the show. For details and tickets, which are only available online, go to mtlebanonlibrary.org.

Mr. Grella said to make sure to attend one of Mt. Lebanon's most popular events: the July 4th celebration in Mt. Lebanon Park. Our fabulous Rec Department will feature games and rides for the kiddos from noon to 5. Come back at 7:30 for the concert in the park with Delaneys, followed by fireworks at 9. The rain date for the concert and fireworks only is July 5. If we reschedule, you will receive a LeboALERT. Sign up for alerts at mylebo.mtlebanon.org.

Mr. Grella stated that the fun continues at First Friday on Friday, July 5. Penna Players will take over Clearview Common with New Orleans jazz from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is free and it's a great way to get out and see your friends and neighbors.

Mr. Grella announced that going forward into Sunday, July 7, enjoy the Mt. Lebanon Police Department Classic Car Show starting at 9 a.m. on Washington Road. Enjoy food vendors, live music and some fantastic automobiles. Admission is free.

Mr. Grella congratulated the *Mt. Lebanon Magazine* for bringing home two Golden Quill Awards at the annual competition, sponsored by the Press Club of Western Pa. The magazine won in the government coverage category for its story about our police department's drone program, and it

also won the multiplatform category for its magazine story and podcast about the Vibrant Uptown project and celebration.

On a final note, Mr. Grella expressed that everyone at the municipality were devastated to learn of the loss of firefighter Chris Neil's wife and daughter Friday evening. We're sending him our deepest sympathy for his unimaginable grief. Both the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department and the Mt. Lebanon School District have been getting requests from the public asking how they can help. Fire Chief Nick Sohyda has set up a GoFundMe that will go directly to Chris Neil to cover the cost of funeral and related expenses so that he can honor his daughter's life. There is only one GoFundMe associated with this tragedy so please be careful if you do decide to donate. The address is [gofund.me\0698b58d](https://gofund.me/0698b58d). This information is posted on the volunteer and municipal Facebook pages.

RECOGNITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT PROMOTIONS

Police Chief Haberman introduced Lieutenant Cory Nolte and gave background on his career including about his time in traffic and when there wasn't a unit lieutenant and he stepped up to complete many projects. Police Chief Haberman thanked Lieutenant Nolte's wife and children then asked his wife to come forward to pin on Lieutenant Nolte's badge.

Police Chief Haberman introduced Lieutenant Benjamin Himan and gave background on his career including time as a canine officer and as the officer responsible for the department's drone project. Chief Haberman thanked Lieutenant Himan's wife and sons then asked his wife to come forward to pin on Lieutenant Himan's badge.

RECOGNITION OF FIRE DEPUTY PROMOTION

Fire Chief Sohyda thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, thanked the brothers and sisters in blue for their assistance the last few days, and offered congratulations to Cory and Ben. Fire Chief Sohyda gave career background information on Fire Deputy Chief Lawrence Celender and stated he will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of deputy chief Ricciuti in the community outreach division. Fire Chief Sohyda thanked Fire Deputy Chief Lawrence Celender's wife and sons and asked his sons to come forward to pin their father's badge on him.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge discussed deer culling.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD MAY 28, 2024

Mr. Grella moved, and Mr. Siegler seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION R-8-24

This is a Resolution authorizing the participation of the Municipality in the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP).

The municipality, for the benefit of its citizens, wishes to submit a grant application to the program, which provides the distribution of funds for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects through the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The Municipality is requesting \$250,000 in funds for the Mt. Lebanon Community Recreation Center Accessibility Upgrades, which will be situated at the Recreation Center, located at 900 Cedar Blvd. The project aims to upgrade the accessibility of the current Recreation Center.

This grant application requires a 15% local match.

Mr. Siegler moved to adopt Resolution No. R-8-24. Mr. Grella seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE TIMBERCREEK STAIR
RENOVATION PROJECT CONTRACT**

Bids were received on May 13, 2024 for the Timbercreek Stair Renovation Project contract. The project includes the demolition and removal of the existing staircase and concrete and bituminous path; installation of a new wooden 4 ft. wide staircase and aluminum handrail; grading; foundations; concrete; installation of an aggregate trail; as well as all necessary site preparation; site protection; erosion and sedimentation controls, and site restoration. An alternate bid was also solicited for the installation of a new wooden 5 ft. wide staircase and aluminum handrail with a bike ramp track system in lieu of the 4 ft. wide staircase.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

Contractor	Total Base Bid	Total with Alternate Bid
N&N Landscaping, LLC	\$ 188,565.16	\$ 227,029.30
MBM Contracting	\$ 233,178.45	\$ 251,799.00

The Engineer's estimate for the base bid amount was \$147,000.00, but based upon review of the bids, he believes the low bid received represents current market conditions. Both bids received exceeded the budgeted amount and will require additional funding.

Mr. Silverman moved to award the base bid for the Timber Creek Stair Renovation Project to N&N Landscaping, LLC. In the amount of \$188,565.16 based on additional funds being allocated to the project. Mr. Flynn seconded. Mr. Silverman said that this request has been going on for a long time and he's hopeful it gets approved this evening. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH PARKING GARAGE
RECONSTRUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The municipality wishes to engage a professional consulting team to conduct a feasibility study on the reconstruction of the South Parking Garage facility located adjacent to the municipal building. Mt. Lebanon wishes to contract with WTW Architects, an AE Works Company with sub-contractor Walker Consultants to perform this study. Gateway Engineers will provide additional civil engineering under their contract as Municipal Engineer at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

The 2024 municipal budget included \$150,000 for this project, allocated out of the Parking Enterprise Fund. The contract will be paid on an hourly rate basis according to the fee schedule included with the proposed scope of work.

Mr. Flynn moved to authorize the Manager and Solicitor to prepare and execute an agreement and any ancillary documents with WTW Architects, an AE Works Company in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. Mr. Silverman seconded. Mr. Grella said that this is an important project because there aren't a lot of areas that can be redeveloped in Mt. Lebanon, but this is one that can be. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS

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

Employee Name	Pension Plan	Start Date
Patrick Cannon	General Employees	06/01/2024

Mr. Grella moved to approve benefit commencement for Patrick Cannon. Mr. Sigler seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.