Minutes

Mt. Lebanon Civic Engagement Board

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Kevin Brand, Tim Clougherty, Noah Evans, Adam Flango, Margaret Izzo, Kelsey Leigh (remote), Anna Roman, Terry Timm (remote), Emily West; Staff liaisons Laura Pace Lilley, Julie Aquino (remote); Commission liaison Anne Swager Wilson; School Board representative Todd Hoffman.

Call to order: Board Chair, Noah Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., roll call was taken and introductions were made for new members.

Meeting minutes: The April minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments: No citizens comments.

Chairperson's Report — Noah Evans emphasized three community events and the importance that board members attend. Earth Day, which happened the previous weekend, Juneteenth, June 9 from 2-6 in Main Park, Pride, June 15 from 9-4 in Main Park, and the Farmers Markets. They will request to have a table at the Pride event, staffed in shifts, to connect with residents and share the board's mission. Evans and Adam Flango will facilitate. Flango reported the items, outlined in the Engagement handout, for the board to prioritize and to form subcommittees.

Commission report — Anne Swager Wilson reported that commercial reassessments and appeals are happening and will mostly affect the school district's budget. The Commission is considering installing new sidewalks on Woodland, and they are reaching out to residents to communicate their financial contribution to the project. Progress is continuing regarding the mental health social worker who will support the police department. The largest volume of complaints she receives involves noise. The Commission is also continuing efforts to collaborate with the school district. Todd Hoffman added that Brenna Crable is the liaison between the school district and the Commission.

Staff Liaison — Laura Lilley talked about the three-part mental health series in Mt Lebanon Magazine. May's story was about mental health providers, June will highlight issues with children in the school district, and July will talk about mental health issues in the senior community. Julie Acquino had no report.

Sub-Committee Reports – The board discussed forming the following sub-committees. As board chair. Evans will serve on all committees.

- 1) Police Engagement Terry Timm spoke about Coffee with a Cop, a popular event that happens a couple of times a year. Volunteers for this subcommittee are Kevin Brand, Anna Roman, Timm, and Emily West.
- 2) Residents Academy Flango described the event which happens each year for nine weeks in Jan/Feb and needs to be staffed by the board. Volunteers include Brand, Flango, & Roman.
- 3) Community Service Award Margaret Izzo explained the nomination and selection process and volunteered along with Anna Roman.
- 4) Mediation Izzo detailed the online training process and responsibilities of being a mediator to help neighbors resolve issues amongst themselves. Tim Clougherty and Timm volunteered to assist Izzo.

- 5) Community Survey Flango included this sub-committee to help guide the board with their goals. Wilson asked that the subcommittees run ideas by her first so that she can support them. Evans, Flango, Kelsey Leigh, & West volunteered. Lilley reminded the board to submit estimates for surveys so that they can be included in the budget next month.
- 6) Other Ideas West suggested a DEI sub-committee, focusing specifically on Welcoming America which has a certification process and was outlined in the previous DEI committee's proposal. Volunteers for this committee are Brand, Izzo, & West.

Vote: Tim Clougherty moved and Anna Roman seconded the motion to formally establish these committees

Old Business – No report.

New Business – No report

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.