

Minutes

Mt. Lebanon Civic Engagement Board

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

Attendance

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

Call to order: Board Chair, Noah Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Meeting minutes: The August minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments: No citizens comments

Chairperson's Report — Noah Evans reported that many subcommittees were active. Emily West will share the Certified Welcoming Community presentation that she will present on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 to the Commission. Margaret Izzo, Anna Roman and Terry Timm said that they will attend.

Commission Report — Anne Swager Wilson reported that the Commission appointed two Junior Commissioners: Phoebe McNeil and Nimet Aysan. Wilson reported that the social worker was selected, they are in the process of doing the background checks, and a start date is pending in a few weeks. She explained that this person will not be going on police calls but will follow up with certain situations. Wilson and Laura Lilley attended a meeting for the South Hills Memorial Day Parade. The parade committee is having a hard time finding volunteers after 90 years. She encouraged the board to consider volunteering and to spread the word that volunteers are needed. Wilson explained that the inspection department will implement consultations by appointment on the 1st Wednesday of the month, from 2-5 to help residents and contractors through the inspections process, address questions and eliminate confusion.

Staff Liaison — Laura Lilley added that the Inspection Department is getting new interactive software called Muncity, where residents can log in and see the status of their project. Julie Aquino reported that the social service coordinator will be starting later this month, there will be a training period, and she will undergo something like the Citizens Police Academy.

Sub-Committee Reports – Police Engagement – Terry Timm talked about the Mt. Lebanon Magazine article that highlighted the new police hires which include two female officers who are extremely qualified with diverse backgrounds. A meeting with Chief Haberman is scheduled for November 12 with community faith leaders. Timm is coordinating Coffee with a Cop, which will be held at Coffee Tree on Beverly Road in October. More details will follow.

Mediations – Margaret Izzo reported that there has been some activity and she is working to resolve ongoing issues.

Community Survey – no updates.

Resident's Academy – Will send emails to subcommittee to start planning soon. Encouraged committee members to attend at least one session to distribute responsibility. Dates will be January 9 through March 6, 6:30-8:30. The application will be included in the Nov. issue of Mt. Lebanon Magazine and will accept 30 participants.

DEI – Emily West shared the Certified Welcoming Community PowerPoint presentation. A general membership will cost the municipality \$500 for four years. We missed the deadline for

this year, so the board has plenty of time to present it to the commission, to justify why we should do it and to submit the application before the September 2025 deadline.

Old Business – No report

New Business – No report

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.