

Minutes

Mt. Lebanon Civic Engagement Board

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Kevin Brand, Noah Evans, Margaret Izzo, Kelsey Leigh, Terry Timm, Emily West; Staff liaisons Laura Pace Lilley, Julie Aquino; Commission liaison Anne Swager Wilson; School Board representative Todd Hoffman; Junior board members Nimet Aysan and Phoebe McNeil; **Absent:** Tim Clougherty, Adam Flango, Anna Roman

Call to order: Board Chair, Noah Evans called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and roll call was taken. Evans introduced two Junior Commissioners, Phoebe McNeil and Nimet Aysan, both seniors at Mt. Lebanon High School. Committee members introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes: The September minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments: Lindie Droulia of Gilkeson Rd stated the need for a crosswalk on Gilkeson. Anne Swager Wilson informed her that she logged into the wrong meeting and should address the Mobility Board which is also currently meeting.

Chairperson's Report — Evans reported that he watched the commission discussion session on Emily West's Certified Welcoming Community presentation and response was positive.

Commission Report — Anne Swager Wilson reported that West's presentation was well received, and the commission will be moving forward with it. The commission requested an update from the original DEI report. The committee will look at the objectives to determine what has been done and has yet to be done by staff versus committee. Budget meetings will be in November and December. Some meetings will conflict with this committee meeting dates, so the board will meet in Room C instead of C. Wilson reported that there are ongoing improvements being done on sidewalks and sewer replacement. Wilson commended the municipality for its 3CMA (City, County Communications Marketing Association) Award of Excellence for Public Engagement for Ascend Lebo.

School Board Report — Todd Hoffman reported that the school board is continuing to aggressively monitor the budget. There is currently an RFP for a new solicitor, since the current solicitor is retiring in December after 30 years.

Staff Liaison — Laura Lilley explained and shared the community dashboard, created by the municipality, which enables residents to see metrics and track the progress of the Ascend Lebo goals. This is accessible at [mtlebanon.org/comprehensive plan](http://mtlebanon.org/comprehensive-plan).

Sub-Committee Reports – Police Engagement – Terry Timm reported that the meeting with clergy, community faith leaders and Chief Haberman is scheduled for Nov. 12 at the Recreation Center. The meeting's objective is to facilitate communication and establish support between faith leaders and the police department, and to foster an overall feeling of safety within the community. Lilley added that it is likely that the new social services coordinator will attend. Coffee with a Cop has been postponed since October is too busy.

Mediations – Margaret Izzo reported that there are two new issues this month — one has been resolved and the other is ongoing. Wilson suggested that Izzo meet with the social services coordinator when she is settled. Lilley added that the social services coordinator is tentatively scheduled to come to the CEB's November meeting.

Community Survey – no updates.

Resident's Academy – Anna Roman has the 2025 agenda and is working to schedule speakers.

Community Service Award – Lilley said that there will be an online nomination form in November, and a form will be included in the December magazine. Nominations can be submitted through February, and the committee will select and announce the winner in March.

DEI – West reported that the Commission's feedback of the Certified Welcoming presentation was positive. Brand suggested that the committee reach out to other members to learn what we can do between now and the time that we can submit the application to join next fall. West made a motion and Kevin Brand seconded, to form a Certified Welcoming subcommittee. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business – No report

New Business – No report

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6 p.m.

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