

Minutes

Mt. Lebanon Civic Engagement Board

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Shane Bua, Kevin Brand, Noah Evans, Kate Fiefer, Johanna Platt, Teresa Thomas; Staff liaison Laura Pace Lilley, Julie Aquino; School Board liaison Eva Gelman; Guest speaker and Social Services Coordinator Jaqui Stilson; **Absent:** Stacey Reibach, Anna Roman, Emily West; Commission liaison Margaret Izzo; Junior board member Eleanor Schulte-Albert.

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

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair and Introduction of New Members: Kevin Brand made a motion to nominate Evans as committee chairperson and Anna Roman as vice chair for another year, and the slate was passed unanimously. Evans recognized two new board members, Kate Fiefer and Teresa Thomas, and introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes: The March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments: None

Guest – Social Services Coordinator, Jaqui Stilson, who has been in the position for nearly two years, addressed the committee. She spoke about her education, career experience and the position's impact on the community. Generally, police officers refer her to residents who they feel need additional help after they interact with them during a call. She reaches out within a couple of days to offer help and to formulate a plan. She holds community outreach hours at the library on Wednesdays, from 2-4 p.m., and beginning next week, at State Rep. Jen Mazzacco's office every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. She handles walk-in appointments and answers questions regarding healthcare, unemployment, state aid, insurance, mental health, among other services. Some other projects in which she was involved have included a suicide prevention program held at the high school open to all communities, Coffee with a Cop, and Lego build with cops. Mt. Lebanon is one of only three South Hills communities to have incorporated this staff position. She will mentor an intern starting June 15.

Chairperson's Report — Evans listed some community events, including the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, Lebo Pride on Saturday, June 13, and Juneteenth on Sunday, June 14, both at Mt. Lebanon. Fiefer made a motion for the committee to participate in Lebo Pride with the library, and Shane Bua seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Kevin Brand will email the committee with sign-ups and details. Evans also encouraged the committee to go to the municipal website to read the minutes and watch videos of other committee meetings to acquaint new members with procedure and happenings.

Commission Report — None

Staff Liaison — Laura Lilley thanked everyone who was involved and attended the Boards & Authorities Dinner last week and said that she received many compliments on the event.

School Board Liaison — Eva Gelman reported the graduation commencement ceremony will take place on June 3 and Parkway's graduation is May 13. At the April 13 school board meeting, the board presented its preliminary 2026-27 budget with a tax increase but no furloughs. Lincoln

Elementary School recently celebrated their 100th anniversary, and May 25 is Mt. Lebanon School District night at the Pirates game.

Sub-Committee Reports – Evans asked that a member of each subcommittee briefly explain its purpose and accept volunteers for the coming year.

Police Engagement – Bua and Emily West will serve. Bua explained that it is held a couple of times a year and his goal is to have multiple officers of different ranks attend.

Mediations – Brand explained his training and role as a mediator, adding that he has had three resolutions so far.

DEI – Brand, Evans and West will serve.

Residents Academy – Anna Roman will chair with Johanna Platt and Stacey Reibach. Roman would like to have at least one CEB member attend every session.

Community Service Award – Reibach will chair along with Bua and Thomas.

MLK Day – Brand will chair along with Evans, Fiefer and Platt. Brand asked that everyone start looking for non-profits to participate. Lilley will apply for the permit at the high school.

Brand made a motion and Bua seconded the motion to approve the slate of subcommittees and members, which passed unanimously.

Old Business – Brand represented the committee at the re-zoning public meetings and will send the draft to committee members for feedback. The plan will be finalized in the third quarter and be completed in early 2027. Brand reported relevant discussion included zoning rules to make it easier for home improvements allowing seniors to stay in their homes, housing density, guidelines and limitations for Airbnbs, and re-zoning the Castle Shannon Blvd corridor to attract more businesses.

New Business – None

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6 p.m. in meeting room C.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.