

Minutes

Mt Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, May 15, 2017, 5 p.m., Mt Lebanon Municipal Building

ATTENDANCE Present: Yvette Yescas, chair; Jonathan Hill, Michelle Winowich-Zmijanac, Ben Wetmore, Anna Siefken, Ben Wetmore, Jim Martin, Joe Bevins, Absent: Susan Morgans, staff liaison, John Bendel, commission liaison;

CALL TO ORDER Chair Yvette Yescas called meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS There was no citizen comment.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the April meeting were approved with two changes.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

What Makes Mt Lebanon Historic?

Former Mt. Lebanon Historic Preservation Board member John Conti, who currently is on the state historic preservation board, gave an audio-visual presentation regarding the evolution of Mt. Lebanon from a trolley town set up on a grid to an automobile suburb with roads that follow the natural lay of the land, and subdivisions that feature broad park-like vistas and varied architecture. He discussed the impact that specific landscape architects, architects and developers had on the community's various subdivisions. He also talked about the details that characterize residential architectural styles found in Mt. Lebanon and noted that many of the houses are not "pure" in style but are eclectic in nature.

The board thanked John Conti for attending.

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Economic Development Council.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Brick Streets

- Yvette Yescas went through Category 3 of PennDOT's brick street prioritization plan and was surprised to see Parker Drive, as well as some streets in Hoodridge and in Mission Hills— among our most historically and aesthetically important streets— were rated category 3 and are thus are threatened. The board will need to take a closer look at these streets and make a recommendation to the Commission. Yvette and Jim Martin will take another look at Category 3 and also look at Category 4. Yvettes said the board's approach will need to be very strategic, so it does not falsely appear that the board wants to save every brick street.
- **Historic Entry Signs**
Jonathan Hill thinks that rather than reapply and continue to pursue the blue Pennsylvania marker, it makes sense to move on and develop our own proposal for a sign that will highlight Mt. Lebanon's national historic significance. Board needs to come up with a cost figure for the signs. A good map of Mt. Lebanon would be helpful in deciding where signs should go.
- **Notebook Review**
Anna Siefken and Joe Bevins were tasked with recommending updates to the notebook all members receive. They have not had a chance to meet yet.
- Anna Siefken heard back from Steve Shelton regarding board's questions on brick. She needs to check back with him to see if he has other recommendations, but he did tell her that Milliken Brick Company is the most knowledgeable source that he knows of about brick. Shelton also said that he would be willing to find a use for any surplus brick Mt. Lebanon has and use it in future projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be no July meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Monday, June , at 5 p.m. in the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

