

Called to Order: 7:04 pm**In Attendance:**

- Lisa Borrelli Dorn,
Chair
- Dana Hackley,
Vice-Chair
- Kiersten Lane
- Mark Trumbull
- Matt Foreman
- Robert Taylor
- Keith McGill,
Municipal Manager
- Steve Silverman,
Commission
Liaison
- Robyn Vittek,
Acting Staff Liaison

Absent:

- Catherine Schilken

Citizens' Comments:

Girl Scout Troup 52910 "Take Action" project (see handout distributed by Girl Scouts for complete report)

- 16 WES troop members
- Project: campaign to eliminate use of Styrofoam lunch trays from MTLSD
- Previously presented to:
 - Environmental Sustainability Board
 - MTLSD School Board
- 225,000 Styrofoam trays used and discarded every school year.
 - Not safe to eat on – *probable* carcinogen for humans
 - Not environmentally friendly
- Solutions:
 - Transfer to reusable, washable trays
 - Schools are not currently equipped (space, dishwashers)
 - Purchase biodegradable food trays
 - More expensive; schools have agreed to do this 1 day/week and consider more for upcoming budget cycle
 - House Bill 627 (Rep. Tim Briggs) – proposed ban on all Styrofoam food containers in PA
 - Cosponsored by Rep. Dan Miller and 20 other representatives
 - Very unlikely to pass into law
- Request to CRB
 - Help spread the word about this project – ask restaurants not to use Styrofoam to-go containers, etc.

March 2019 Minutes:

Accepted with correction to spelling of Chair's surname.

Chair Report - Lisa Borrelli Dorn:

Talked to MLPD Chief Aaron Lauth about protesters at Rep. Miller's recent town hall for clarification

- No protesters in the streets/on sidewalk
- One Mt. Lebanon resident said police are racist and unfair – couldn't give examples when pressed by Chief Lauth
- Lisa would like the CRB to host a "[Coffee with a Cop](#)" event to help change perceptions of police officers to the public
- "It is CRB's job to address friction in the community."

Municipal Manager Keith McGill

Mt. Lebanon has appointed Laura Pace Lilley to the Public Information Officer position, replacing Susan Morgans who retired in March.

- Laura is currently serving as Historic Preservation Board staff liaison; Robyn will continue to serve as CRB staff liaison for the near future.
- The Public Information Office (PIO) is currently interviewing for 1 part-time Graphics Designer position
- Laura's previous position will remain vacant until a communications consultant completes evaluation of PIO operations.
 - The commissioners will appoint a communications consultant from submitted Requests for Proposals at their May 14 meeting.

Commission Liaison's Report - Steve Silverman:**Recycling Issues**

- Residents can be fined for improper recycling starting Jan. 1, 2020
- Waste Management (WM) will start "tagging" improperly sorted recycling at the end of this month
 - Residents will receive two warnings – at the third incident, recycling will not be picked up
- PIO is developing a communication plan
 - Ideas: Magnets, stickers with correct information
- Net Recycling % needs to improve
- Keith – Letter from SHACOG to WM – deficiencies in reporting percentages of viable recycled items. Mt. Lebanon is also communicating with WM on their own about this issue.

- Mt. Lebanon's FREE glass recycling drop-off options have expanded. You can now take glass to Michael Brothers locations in Baldwin and Reserve, every Monday through Saturday. The pilot project was successful ... so the drop-off program will be available indefinitely. Mt. Lebanon also has other free local drop-off options through the Pennsylvania Resources Council. For locations and hours, go to www.mtlebanon.org and click on the recycling news item in the "trending now" section.

Equal Opportunity Board

- Five citizens selected to serve at March 26 Commission Meeting:
 - Jennifer Eck, Washington Rd (3-31-2020)
 - Kristin Meier, Kenilworth Dr. (3-31-2021)
 - Josephine Posti, Arden Rd. (3-31-2022)
 - Corinne Vipperman, Mt. Lebanon Blvd. (3-31-2023)
 - Mary Beth Waine, Arrowwood Dr. (3-31-2024)

Staff Liaison's Report – Robyn Vittek:

PIO (from Laura Lilley)

The annual Martha's Run road race is this Saturday starting at 9 am. Good luck to all the runners. The race benefits The Martha Fund, which builds playgrounds all over Pittsburgh, including Mt. Lebanon, in honor of Martha Dixon, an FBI agent killed in the line of duty. For the non-runners among us, please note the posted road and lane closures around the high school and in the Beverly Heights neighborhood during the race.

In addition, this Saturday is Mt. Lebanon's annual Egg Hunt, at 1 p.m. in Mt. Lebanon Park, for children up to age 7. Admission is free but please bring a basket and a camera to take pictures with the Bunny after the hunt. Rain date is the following day, Sunday, April 14.

The Allegheny County Housing Authority will be celebrating the grand opening of Dorchester of Mt. Lebanon Senior Apartments on Tuesday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Library

April 7-13 is National Library Week. The library is accepting "Food for Fines" with proceeds to benefit SHIM. Late fees are forgiven up to \$10; \$1 credit per item donated.

[Mt. Lebanon Public Library Speaker Series presents Erik Larson](#). Monday, 4/29 at 7 pm; tickets \$20. This event is likely to sell out very soon, so if planning to attend please purchase tickets ASAP.

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

- Four-part community conversation series focused on learning how to make a difference in three areas that are challenges to building equitable communities.
- All conversations will be held on Sunday afternoons, after the library is closed to the public (5-7:30 pm)
- Register at <http://rpr.world/bemyneighbor> or call 412-531-1912 (library – ask for reference desk)
- Partners: Repair the World Pittsburgh, South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh/ JCC, Mt. Lebanon School District
- Meetings and topics:
 - February 24: Equity in the Community
 - March 24: Food Insecurity
 - **April 14: Education Inequity**
 - **May 19: Take Action!**

Continuing Business:

Resident’s Academy

- Tabled

Community Service Award

- Nine total applicants (4-5 from last year)
- Packets for judges are ready
- Next year – language will include that candidates for elected office are ineligible
- Bob and Dana will select, with Catherine as tie-breaker if necessary
 - Will select winner by 5/13 Magazine deadline

Harwood Institute and Community Engagement

- Mark will be taking Sharon Bruni’s place at the April 25-26 Harwood Institute/ Turning Outward Workspace in State College, PA. The federal Institute for Museum and Library Services grant that funds this program covers all expenses for attendees.
- A community conversation will take place in early May – the library Harwood Team will invite CRB members to attend and participate.

Resource Guide

- Animal control info added
- Want to make a small version that officers can hand out such as [Akron Street Card](#).
- Will ask PIO to add to website
 - **Action Item (Lisa) –email Laura with request**

Magazine Column

- **Action Item (Bob)– invite Laura to discuss at upcoming meeting**

Slate of Officers

- Lisa Borrelli Dorn – Chair (Unanimous vote of approval)
- Dana Hackley – Vice-Chair (Unanimous vote of approval)
- Mark Trumbull has been appointed by the commission to continue to serve on CRB through 3-31-2022

New Business

Action Item (Robyn) -Add to next meeting agenda:

- Continuing Business – Strategic Plan
- New Business – “Coffee with a Cop”

Adjournment: 7:21 pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – Municipal Meeting Room C