

Mt. Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020 - Room C

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Roll Call:

Attendees:

Abby Lawler Morycz
Bethany Foster-Wilhelm
Nora Alwine
Sarah Levinthal
Heather Wechter
Natalie Uschner-Arroyo
Andrew Flynn, Commissioner-Elect
Hugh Beal, School Board Liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Tim Reidy

- **Public Comment.** Jim Schuerman spoke about various sustainability issues.
- **Approval of December, 2019 Minutes.** Abby motioned to approve the December, 2019 minutes. Nora seconded and all members in attendance approved.
- **ESB Business**
 - **Public Space Improvement/Vibrant Uptown Project.** No new developments.
 - **2020 Planning.** Andrew asked the board members where they saw the board's activities going for the year. Members brainstormed a number of issues, among them:
 - Climate Action Plan Update – Andrew suggested reviewing the 2012 plan and focus on what could easily be accomplished first.
 - Tracking energy usage
 - Parks Plan – Heather asked if it had been funded. Bonnie advised that it was funded and that she would find out the timeline for the project for the next meeting.
 - Tree canopy – Questions centered around how this was funded and how much was needed. The Board may want to have the PW Director in at a future meeting.
 - **School Board Liaison.** Hugh Beal, Mt. Lebanon School Board Member, said that composting at the high school is successful. In discussing energy for the schools, they had looked at solar and it wasn't beneficial. When the high school was renovated, the square footage was reduced to save on utilities, but when the AC was installed in all nine schools, utility costs increased. Hugh will also find out what components of sustainability are in the curriculum.
- **Commission Business.** Andrew provided a draft of the Brick Street Policy that had been developed by the Historic Preservation Board as a sample of what the ESB should consider in further sustainability efforts.

- **New Business.** No new business.
- **Adjournment.** Nora motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Bethany, and unanimously approved by the members present.