

Mt. Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019 - Room C

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Roll Call:

Attendees:

Abby Lawler Morycz
Bethany Foster-Wilhelm
Heather Wechter
Sarah Levinthal
Kelly Fraasch, Commission Liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Nora Alwine
Timothy Reidy

- **Public Comment.** Netty Bordeaux of Composting People, LLC, introduced herself and said that she looked forward to speaking about their composting program at the next meeting.
- **Approval of October, 2019 Minutes.** Natalie motioned to approve the October, 2019 minutes. Bethany seconded and all members in attendance approved.
- **Commission Business**
 - Public Space Improvement/Vibrant Uptown Project – Update. Kelly updated the Board regarding the uptown space improvements, which will include new lighting and conduit, sidewalks, and eventually work on Parse Way. Kelly explained that recently, a Leadership Team had been appointed as part of the overall process. Board members asked a number of questions regarding whether the municipality could assist restaurants with grants to help buy dishes instead of using paper, and also to encourage them to compost. Abby mentioned that it would also be helpful to have the municipality enforce recycling in apartment complexes.
 - Kelly also advised that the Commission was reviewing the 2020 budget and considering weekend trash pickups. Currently, the recycling bins are being used as trash receptacles the trash cans are full. Also, the Parks Advisory Board has requested funding for a new Parks Plan. If it is funded, Kelly has asked that the ESB be included in discussions.
- **ESB Business**
 - Ongoing Waste Reduction Discussions – the information is up-to-date in the Google docs file.
 - Potential Green Cleaning Policy – Abby advised the group that she was working on a ‘green cleaning’ policy for the county and had asked the municipal manager whether that was something that could be used in the municipal buildings. Keith advised that once the policy was complete, she should send it to him for review.
 - Purchase Renewable Energy – the group questioned whether the municipality could be urged to do this. Also, the ESB would urge the municipality to divest any pension funds from non-green energy sources.
 - Open up discussion with the School District – Abby advised that she had asked whether a representative from the School Board could be a liaison to the ESB. Hugh Beal will most likely be that person and will be in attendance at the next meeting.

- Building Audits – ESB members would still like to do audits on at least the municipal building in the future.
- **New Business.** None
- **Adjournment.** Natalie motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Abby, and unanimously approved by the members present.