

## Minutes

### **Mt. Lebanon Historic Preservation Board**

Monday, November 15, 2020, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building

**Attendance: Present:** Matthew Moses, chair; Alex Ferraro, Philip Neusius, Anne Swager; Commission liaison Mindy Ranney, Staff liaison Laura Pace Lilley. **Absent:** Joe Bevins, Krista Ford, Marilyn Oberst-Horner

**Call to order:** Board member Matthew Moses called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**Citizen comments: none**

#### **Consideration of October 2020 minutes:**

The October minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Administrative Reports**

**Chair report** — No report

**Commission report** — Mindy Ranney recapped the first two municipal budget workshops. She complimented Anne Swager's comments at the first budget hearing. Ranney reiterated that it is a tight budget year and the board did not get either of its two sign project requests listed for funding but that she asked that they be reconsidered. She asked the board that if \$10,000 couldn't be funded for the signs, would a smaller amount help? Swager said there could be setup costs for the signs. She said she would ask the sign design consultants if that would be useful or would the board rather wait, work on the design instead, and have a bigger ask the following year.

Ranney said she also asked that the \$50,000 for additional brick streets repair be reconsidered in the later stages of budget review as well.

**Staff report** — No report

#### **Continuing business**

**Historic signage:** No additional report

**Brick streets:** Matthew Moses reported that he and several members attended Anna Siefken's graduate school class at CMU. The class is putting together research to help the HPB develop a brick streets policy. Moses said the class identified a need for appraisal information to determine added value to homes located on brick streets. He said the class is still looking for long-term maintenance costs vs upfront costs for brick and asphalt. He said it was interesting to hear presentations from contractors in the brick streets community. Lilley said that report will be given December 8 at the Commission Discussion Session, followed by the public hearing on the budget at 8 p.m. at the regular meeting.

**Three-year strategic plan:** Matthew Moses said he continues to work on the plan and will distribute his thoughts to the board soon.

**Liaison reports:**

**Lebanon Economic Development Council, Joe Bevins:** No report. Mindy Ranney reported that Bevins sent an email apologizing for missing meetings but stating that he would be attending in the future and is very much interested in continuing on the board.

**Historical Society of Mount Lebanon:** None. Laura Lilley reported in Ford's absence that Ford would be attending the Society's virtual meeting on Wednesday.

**Planning Board, Alex Ferraro and Matthew Moses:** Alex Ferraro said the October meeting did not have anything that the Historic Board would need to have input on. The only requests were tied to Concordia of South Hills on Bower Hill Road, which involves making some modifications to a site plan involving traffic patterns.

**Mt. Lebanon Partnership Design committee, Joe Bevins:** No report, but Laura Lilley said the Vibrant Uptown Leadership Committee would be meeting on Monday to future review the documents in the design development stage. She said the board could see updates at [mtlebanon.org/vibrantuptown](http://mtlebanon.org/vibrantuptown).

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, December 21, at 5 p.m. on Teams.