

**Mt. Lebanon Environmental Sustainability Board
Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2021 – Virtual

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Attendees:

Abby Lawler-Morycz
Heather Wechter
Tim Reidy
Natalie Uschner-Arroyo
Sarah Levinthal
Ryan Brown, Junior Board Member
Andrew Flynn, Commission liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff liaison

Absent:

Nora Alwine
Bethany Foster-Wilhelm

- **Public Comment:** None

- **Approval of February 2021 Minutes:** Heather motioned to approve the February 2021. Tim seconded and all members in attendance approved.

- **ESB Business:**

- **Mandy Steel, Fox Chapel – Coal Tar Information.** Ms. Steel explained that coal tar, used in sealing driveways and parking lots, contains 20-35 percent coal-tar pitch, a suspected human carcinogen. She recommended that the ESB talk to the municipality about banning the use of coal-tar and instead, use asphalt-based sealants instead. Coal tar is not available in stores but is still being used by some companies. Run-off from coal tar is also a problem with water quality. The ESB members present unanimously agreed to move the issue forward to the municipal manager.
- **Climate Action Plan** – Abby provided a draft of a timeline for presentation of the CAP to the Commission. Andrew felt that it made sense, but was aggressive on timing, and that the goal would be to have it completed by Earth Day (April), 2022. The Board needs to work have things in place so that for 2022 there is an opportunity to have the Commission and staff more engaged. Ideally, it would be beneficial to do a high-level presentation to the Commission during the summer, explain the timeline, and have it ready for when the Comprehensive Plan begins. Abby also questioned whether and when there should be public comment. Andrew stated that some of that would happen

during Commission acceptance of the plan, but that public input is important. Andrew advised that each board will be invited to update the Commission on what they are doing, and he will be working with Commissioner Ranney regarding the ESB's presentation.

- **Transportation – Complete Streets Policy.** Abby asked whether there was any possibility of hiring a consultant. Andrew said that it's difficult because transportation is regional, but that he felt that eventually, a policy should be developed.
 - **Other Sub-Committees.** Once new members are on-board, committee assignments can be made.
 - **School Board Liaison Update.** Abby stated that we are waiting to find out who the new liaison will be.
 - **High School Liaison Report.** None.
- **Commission Business**
 - **Vibrant Uptown.** Andrew reported that Phase 1 should be going to bid soon.
 - **Other Business.**
 - **Earth Day.** Abby advised that Earth Day is coming up and that it is virtual. Heather asked about the short video. Andrew reached out to the PIO but hasn't followed up on it. Ideally, highlights would include things that the municipality is already doing.
 - **Adjournment.** Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Tim, and unanimously approved by the members present.