

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

June 10, 2021 – Virtual

- **Call Meeting to Order**

Attendees:

Natalie Uschner-Arroyo
Claire Kist
Christine Phillips
Jennifer Rick
Megan Stahl
Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, School Board Liaison
Ryan Brown, Junior Board Member
Andrew Flynn, Commission Liaison
Bonnie Cross, Staff Liaison

Absent:

Heather Wechter
Tim Reidy

- **Public Comment:** None
- **Approval of May 2021 Minutes:** Chris motioned to approve the May 2021. Megan seconded and all members in attendance approved.
- **Junior Board Member Liaison Report.** None
- **School Board Liaison Report.** None
- **ESB Business:**
 - **Climate Action Plan** – Subcommittee Updates. Members discussed what format/template was to be used for the plan. The Forest Hills plan was mentioned, however, there was no consensus.
Energy Subcommittee – (Claire and Tim) Claire contacted a Mt. Lebanon code official and also reported that she spoke with Eric Raabe to learn about ICLEI and would also like to obtain the municipality’s energy star data and it’s free. Claire asked and Andrew responded that there was a Regional Climate Action Survey. Natalie asked about being able to see the raw data. Complete the CAP, have the data, set goals and incentivize. Need to look for long-term solutions such as heat pumps and solar, and try to

incentivize. Andrew also suggested looking at SustainableCityCode.org. The whole idea is creating a roadmap.

Air Quality and Nature Subcommittee – (Jenn, Claire and Tim) reported that information was populated. Each was working independently. Claire reached out to the Conservancy and Parks. Ask each group what top three things they feel are important. Andrew cautioned that we stick to the macro when assessing this.

Observations/data/background/impact/solution/timeline/solutions/goals

Water and Transportation Subcommittees – (Chris and Megan) Did not meet but did enter comments into the documents. Andrew suggested that time be scheduled to meet with this group.

- **Election of Vice-Chairperson.** Megan volunteered and Chris seconded.
- **Commission Business**
 - **Vibrant Uptown.** Andrew reported that the kickoff to begin the project would be July 7 and would be a rolling process. Businesses would remain open. Could be completed by late fall.
 - **Complete Streets.** Andrew reported that this would be centered with the Economic Development Council. One of the members, Seth Davis will be spearheading this effort. This should be included in the CAP. The Transportation subcommittee might want to discuss with him.
 - **EcoDistrict.** Andrew got his EcoDistrict Certification. This is part of the EDC as well. Not a lot has been done, however, Anna Siefken will be heading this. Possibility of having a consultant.
 - **Parks Master Plan Status Update.** Parks Board working on this. Consultant has been engaged. Surveys will be done. Andrew feels that one of the things that might be possible to do an ecological assessment along with the Master Plan.
- **New Business.**
 - **Air Monitors.** Bonnie reported that Public Works was working on this to get the monitors placed. More information will be forthcoming.
 - **Sunshine Law.** The group can work together with multiple board members, but no decision-making.
- **Adjournment.** Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Claire, and unanimously approved by the members present.

