

Minutes

Mt. Lebanon Historic Preservation Board

Monday, August 16, 2021, Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building (Teams)

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

Call to order: Board member Phil Neusius called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Citizen comments: none

Consideration of July 2021 minutes:

The July minutes were approved.

Guest Greg Wozniak from Crafton Borough introduced himself and thanked the board for allowing him to attend to take notes for his borough's use in developing a brick streets preservation policy.

Administrative Reports

Chair report — None

Commission report — Mindy Ranney said the Commission has 8 potential junior board members for the 2021-22 school year. The HPB will not have one but other boards will.

Ranney said public meetings will be in-person starting in September with the ability for the public to participate either in person or via Zoom webinar.

The parks master plan is well underway and consultants from Environmental Planning and Design are processing that information and checking in with other boards to ask follow-up questions. There was great participation in the survey.

Staff report — Laura Pace Lilley noted for transparency's sake, that the police department will be posting all of its policies online at mtlebanonpd.org on September 1. She said Anne Swager did a good job with the presentation about Historic District signs. Ranney concurred and said the Commissioners loved the design. The Commissioners do have some questions, such as was the \$20,000 asked for pegged for both kinds of signs, or just the sign toppers? Lilley and Ranney said the board should come up with what \$20,000 would buy and then what the next level would cost.

Continuing business

Brick streets: Anne Swager she would prepare a draft brick streets policy for a board vote at the next meeting.

Liaison reports:

Lebanon Economic Development Council, Joe Bevins: No report

Historical Society of Mount Lebanon, Krista Ford (submitted and read via email): The historical society was open during the Car Show and had a significant jump in attendance for that Saturday afternoon. They are considering expanding hours in the upcoming months.

* Social media posts have really taken off over the last few months and they are hoping to capitalize on the popularity to extend the current number of members.

* Looking for partnering ideas within the community. They currently have a partnership with the library but would like to expand and get more involved in community activities; EX: having a member of the HS attend block parties to give a history of the community, etc.

* They have offered to let us use the history center for any upcoming meetings.

Planning Board, Marilyn Oberst-Horner filled in at the meeting and said the planning board discussed two things. One was the site development at 1100 Washington Road at the current Christian Science Church. The owner wants to divide the property into three sections, in a "L" shape so all would have street access. The board approved that application. The board also discussed changing the zoning ordinance to allow the R-3 zoning district parcels to have more than one structure on the lot to allow for HOAs to handle stormwater management in townhouses. The board was concerned about density in the R3 neighborhoods. Currently, property owners can apply for a variance for that situation. The board did not vote on that yet.

Partnership Design Committee: Joe Bevins: No report

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, September 20, 2021, at 5 p.m. in person and on Zoom.