

## **Lambertville Environmental Commission (LEC) – City of Lambertville**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 12/19/2018  
7:30 PM, City Hall  
18 York Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530

### **Roll Call:**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
Liz Magill Peer – LEC	Lauren Kovacs – LEC
Cynthia Jahn – LEC	Matthew Nogier – LEC
Kelly Kappler – LEC	Gina Fischetti – LEC
Mark Donlon - LEC	

### **Statement of Compliance with OPMA, meeting opened at 7:30 PM**

### **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

#### **Updates:**

- LEC corresponded with member of the planning board regarding 2015 Army Corps document. Plan not entering an active phase.
- LEC continues to work on projects related to the disposables education program.
  1. “Ditching Disposables” proposed to replace temporary “Lambertville Green Initiative” title.
  2. Communication to city residents summarizing what is proposed was posted to Lambertville’s city website (copy attached to these meeting minutes).
  3. LEC to meet with Chamber of Commerce summarize what is proposed and solicit feedback from area businesses.
- LEC initiatives for Earth Day discussed.
- LEC to inquire with SUEZ Water about their efforts to resolve water chestnut issues in reservoir.
- LEC to draft budget needed for future program implementation. As requested by Mayor-elect/Council for review.
- LEC updated on current PennEast Pipeline status.
- New terms for the following LEC Commissioners approved: Matthew J. Nogier, Kelly Kappler, Lauren Kovacs.
- LEC meetings approved to meet at 7:30 PM in 2019, at City Hall (schedule attached).


### **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew J. Nogier  
Environmental Commission Secretary

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# Plastic Bag Ban Details

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 Last Updated: 18 December 2018

In an effort to continuously improve our sustainability, Lambertville recently passed a single use plastics ban (<http://lambertvillenj.org/government/documents/council-meeting-agendas/2018-1/ordinances-4/1062-16-2018-amends-chapter-xii-section-4-to-include-plastics/file>) that will take effect January 1, 2020. The Lambertville Environmental Commission (<http://lambertvillenj.org/boards/environmental-commission>) (LEC) is looking to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate a smooth transition over the next 12 months.

## ***Why Lambertville, why now?***

Progressive shore and destination towns have been active in passing similar ordinances. Legislation has also been proposed at the NJ State level. Lambertville wants to be out in front of these to ensure we continue to be recognized as a sustainable place to live and an environmentally friendly destination town. The first of the three Rs is to reduce (then reuse, recycle). These items are not meant to be reused and are not able to be recycled. Many of these materials are being found in our waterways (and not recycled) and so we need to REDUCE our usage of these items.

## ***What can I do?***

As a business, ask customers if they need a bag prior to offering one. Offer drinks without plastic straws, instead provide them upon request. Begin to think about which items you might have to switch to a more sustainable option.

As a patron, bring your own reusable bag and tell cashiers you don't need a bag. If taking away leftovers, ask if it be wrapped in aluminum foil rather than plastic containers. When ordering drinks, say #strawssuck and go sans straw. Ask your favorite restaurants when they are going #RiverFriendly and utilizing more sustainable packaging for take-out or leftovers.

## ***What next?***

The Lambertville Environmental Commission (LEC) will be looking to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to collect best practices already being utilized by area businesses so these can be recognized and might be shared with other businesses who could learn from these. The LEC is also looking to develop materials that can be used to educate patrons about these changes at the cash register or bar.

If your business is impacted and you would like support, please contact [LambertvilleENVC@gmail.com](mailto:LambertvilleENVC@gmail.com) (<mailto:LambertvilleENVC@gmail.com?subject=Keeping%20Lambertville%20Green%20-%20plastics%20reduction>)

**Public Notice  
City of Lambertville  
Environmental Commission**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.**, the Environmental Commission of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has established their regular meeting scheduled for 2019 as follows:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
Wednesday, July 24, 2019  
Wednesday, August 28, 2018  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019

All meetings will be held at City Hall, located at 25 South Union Street in the City of Lambertville, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time.

Cynthia L. Ege  
CMR, RMC, City Clerk