

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7 P.M., Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Zoom

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Roll Call
Cyndy Jahn
Mark Donlon
Lindsay Hansche
Gina Fischetti
Kate Millsaps (joined at 7:30)
Kelly Kappler
3. Approval of Minutes. Cyndy made motion to approve previous meeting minutes.
Mark seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Public Comments
 - a. Christmas tree disposal – Mayor Fahl illustrated challenges with tree disposal and proposal to host bonfire. Fire Chief approved 2 locations and fire dept will standby during bonfire. Permit to State due by end of November. Gina & Lindsay volunteered to work with Mayor Fahl to organize.
 - b. Electronics recycling event sponsored by county will be held at the American Legion on November 21st
5. Old Business
 - a. LGW
Mary Anne Borge on landscape ordinance proposal:
 - Remove invasive and non-native plants on recommended planting list
 - Require 75% of plants be native
 - Would like to present to Planning Board in December and seeking EC support
 - Kate asked about turf requirements- Mary Anne said she would follow up but did not believe it was impacting existing requirements on turf.
 - Gina noted the Planning Board is meeting on December 2nd and may have a second meeting that month.
 - Cyndy noted we could hold a second meeting with this as the only item on the agenda.
 - Cyndy noted police station project may not be before the board until May. Gina noted there is also the YMAC proposal still outstanding.
 - Kelly, Kate and Gina will form a subcommittee to review the ordinance proposal and make recommendations to the full Commission. Kelly made motion, Cyndy seconded, approved (6-0).
 - Mary Anne will confirm with Cindy Ege if the matter goes before Planning Board or Council.

Mary Anne offered assistance from LGW for the pesticide education campaign and NRI.

b. Sustainable Jersey Recertification

- No update at this time.

c. Ditching Disposables

- Ordinance implementation materials: Postcards delivered to businesses with ordinance information
- Sustainable Business Registry: Window stickers have been delivered to EC for the sustainable business program. Kelly reported she hopes to finalize the flyer for consideration at the December 9th meeting.
- Story time: Gina is still trying to get in touch with LFPL. \$250 will be given to the public school to purchase materials. Gina also met with the LPS green team. They need water bottles as the fountains are turned off due to the Covid crisis. The EC would like to move forward with the water bottle idea. Kate raised possibility of also using funding for water bottle fountain if school doesn't have one currently.
- Survey: content is prepared but will not be initiated due to COVID
- Business Awards: Subcommittee recommends the following awards:
 1. Homestead (already awarded)
 2. Sustainability award to the Lewis Island fishery
 3. Have a public vote on the best second hand (either antiques, consignment or jewelry) shop in town and tie it into a holiday campaign about the environmental impact fast fashion/ buying new and the benefits of reuse
 4. 1st business to complete the Lambertville Green Business Registry

Kelly noted the Lambertville Registry will have the same criteria as the state so the award could go to the two businesses in town that are already registered with State. Need to consult with Sustainable Jersey on if anything needed to expand to 5 awards total.

Kate motioned to approve the 4 additional awards, Cyndy seconded. Passed (6-0)

- Animation: Liz shared a sample video from Angela's contact. Kate and Lindsay both have contacts as well. Kelly will forward video details to Kate and Lindsay to share and would like to finalize an animator in the next few days.
- Excess funding: Lindsay raised the idea of helping small businesses with grants for compostable cutlery. Kate noted depending on status of third can there may be limited places to recycle such utensils. Kelly made a motion to dedicate the remaining funds to LPS for reducing water bottle usage. Motion was seconded and passed (6-0).

d. PennEast

Kelly reported there is no further action at this time and new members will be appointed due to 2 vacancies.

e. Planning Board

Gina reported:

- Redevelopment of the police station will be before the board next week. City will not be completing phase 1 review before bringing on board developer. Impervious coverage on site will decrease due to new parking area.
- YMAC and 14 Lambert Lane still stalled
- Old Strand Theater being renovated

f. Pesticides

Mark reported the subcommittee is focusing on education at this point

g. Waste Stream Education

No update

h. CAT Update

- Cyndy reported the group had a program on Monday on engaging the public.
- Gina recommended the Jamboard tool for public engagement.

i. Trex

Mark reported that McCafferty is no longer working with Trex. DPW is currently bringing 5 bags a day to Giant. Cyndy noted she did not see bins dropoff bins the last time she was there.

j. Environmental Resource Inventory

- No updates

k. 2019 Annual Report

- Kelly shared draft final for consideration. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved (6-0).

l. Third Can

Kelly will invite Lester to the next meeting and had no update at this time.

m. Green Infrastructure Rule

Councilwoman Urbish is scheduling a public session. She is currently awaiting feedback from city professionals.

6. New Business

a. Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards Application. Deadline Nov 6, 2020.

- Will not submit an application at this time

b. Recycling – single stream vs dual stream best practice

- City clerk asked for info in context of Best Practices Inventory from the State. Lambertville has not considered this at this time. Kate noted it would increase the amount of items that can be salvaged for recycling but would require residents to sort items. Kelly will get back to her.

7. Announcements

- a. Kelly- Montgomery passed an ordinance on Emerald Ash Borer. Kelly will review and provide update to Commission.
- b. Mark: term ends in December and will not seek new term.

8. Adjournment

- Cyndy made a motion to adjourn, Mark seconded and passed (6-0).