

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

The Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Bradley Campbell, Julia Taylor, Charles “Chuck” Kaufman, Alescia Teel,

Absent: Michael Heffler and Gina Fischetti

COMPLETENESS:

LEC Priorities/ Events

Clean-up of Swan Creek Bridge

Emily Goldman: Clean-up near bridge/bank area between Route 29 and the bridge along Franklin Street focusing on removal of invasives and planting of native species (depending upon ability to receive plants in-kind).

Notable dates for an event include: June 4, National Trails Day, June 5, National World Day) Arborists to assist with vegetation; Emily will take a walk and assess and John Ammon (D&R Land Trust) can assist with

Native plant donation: Requests to Rutgers, Local nurseries: Munns, Sweet Valley (NATIVE PLANTINGS FOR BANK) --

Estimated need: Expand it to Swan Creek clean-up, Trash collection (biodegradable green bags)

Volunteers: Children from school: may meet requirements of the local high school service requirement

PR: Outreach to the high school through Deb Kalusnen and to the elementary school (Julia Taylor has a contact).

Organization and promote event through newspaper and email blast through the City (Cindy Ege), posters, Web site postings including google map of area that will be addressed,

Earth Day posting on Web site and info at Shadfest (April 30)

Outreach to Franklin Street Bridge neighborhood to notify them of the clean-up and get them involved

Per Chair Campbell, each member of LEC is expected to have the name of four friends who will help to volunteer at the clean-up activity. Volunteers should come to the next meeting and refreshments will be provided following the meeting for all LEC members and their guests.

Shadfest

Chair Campbell made a motion that the commission will not participate in the 2011 Shadfest due to the commission’s limited role (incentive programs for promotion of efficient lighting has ended). The motion was seconded by Julia Taylor. All members present took a unanimous voice vote of ayes in favor of the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sparkle Week

Chuck Kaufman: Goodwill confirmed participation in City’s Sparkle Week. Upcoming meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 with Paul Kronce to discuss collection of larger items including electronics and potential for future E-waste collections.

CVS PARCEL

Commission discussed need for community participation in decision-making of future use of the CVS parcel. LEC would like to be helpful in coordinating a public forum but not necessarily leading voice, will reach out to the City's Recreation Committee to discuss future meeting.

Planning Board

Emily Goldman apprised the commission of the City's Planning Board's activities including the update of the steep slopes ordinance and time of decision act. In addition, Emily noted that based on the Time of Decision Act that as soon as an application form is submitted the application is determined based on the rules in effect on the day of its submission.

Also, in April there will be an application in front of the commission regarding fan boat usage in the Delaware along the City's waterfront. The local business owner has already received necessary approvals from Pennsylvania and is now seeking approvals in New Jersey for the operation, lease and use of fan boats in the Delaware River. LEC would like to suggest a resolution on behalf of the City barring the use of fan boats.

Rain Barrels and Rain Garden DIY Events

Commission agreed to sponsor these events through Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The cost is \$500 per event and a cost of \$45 per participant. Targeting June dates and Julia Taylor will reach out to the organization to schedule dates. Promotion of event through flyers at Shadfest, City Web site, and at local businesses and schools.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule for 2011 for the Environmental Commission remained as originally scheduled for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

City of Lambertville
Environmental Commission
2011 Meeting Schedule

April 20, 2011
May 18, 2011
June 15, 2011
July 20, 2011
August 17, 2011
September 21, 2011
October 19, 2011
November 16, 2011
December 21, 2011

All meetings will be held at the Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville beginning at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time unless announced otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
Alescia M. Teel
Environmental Commission Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None

ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Emily Goldman seconded the motion. All members present took a unanimous voice vote of ayes in favor of the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alescia M. Teel
Environmental Commission Secretary