

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:00 PM, JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell, called the meeting to order at 7:12 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, Michael Heffler, and Gina Fischetti

## **COMPLETENESS:**

### **LEC Priorities/ Events**

Gina Fischetti provided overview of updated 2011 goals:

Tie-in to Sustainable New Jersey Program (LEC’s ongoing project):

Bag It (getting rid of plastic bags)

No town in NJ has banned plastic bags, Red Bank considered a proposal but it was shot down and they instead did an awareness campaign.

Two-step implementation: City takes the pledge and then encourages as many local businesses as possible to participate through a ban approved through City Council.

Fruit tree project: In areas of the city that need vegetation. Educational and promotes local growing and eating.

Continue to increase public awareness around gas fracking.

Op-Ed on Plastic Bags:

Bag It – Id businesses willing to take the pledge, provide local businesses with information about plastic bags and why they should support initiative. Provide names of businesses in op-ed piece? Include information about other towns across the country that have banned/restricted use of plastic bags and how it was implemented.

Chair Campbell discussed Lambertville Sewage Authority revising current rules and taking lead in refusing to accept wastewater from gas fracking. Commission unanimously supportive of proposing to City Counsel an initiative to ban wastewater from these facilities.

In addition, it was advised that local brewery is contributing to the overload of the local sewerage system due to the expulsion of total suspended solids. BMPs for dealing with effluent. Ordinance to address allowing people to have chickens on their property.

Emily Goldman discussed ideas for the clean-up of the Swan Creek Bridge area:

It should be noted that New Jersey Trails Association is finishing this trail connection. An event to clean-up the area may be opportunity to tie-in trail opening ceremony (Old Washingtons Road).

Gina Fischetti and Alescia Teel agreed to work cooperatively on the plastic bag initiative. Initial creation of pledge and signing up businesses followed by outreach to participating businesses, and citywide ordinance through City Counsel.

Shade tree/Fruit tree: Gina and Emily: Create a proposal around the idea

Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels

Next meeting...dates and funding: 2-day training rain garden and few hours barrels; school children sponsor their barrels

Cost for sponsoring rain garden and barrels DIY session \$500; estimated cost of \$45 per barrel for participants.

Need to determine date and time and work on advertising the event to the community.

Earth Day

April: 22: Earth Day, Clean-up, Shad fest (May 30 – April 1)

Shad fest: Follow-up with Chamber about table for Shad fest (Julia Taylor/Emily Goldman/Alescia Teel)

Hazardous Waste Week: March 12

Web site:

Updated topics and information for commission's work

Next meeting:

Allow five minutes for updates from the City's Planning Board

Also, should be noted that no money distributed from state to county for recycling funds

## **2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The meeting schedule for 2011 for the Environmental Commission was amended to reflect a change in the March meeting schedule. The meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 was rescheduled to Tuesday, March 15 in light of commission members having previous commitments.

City of Lambertville  
Environmental Commission  
2010 Meeting Schedule

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 2011 as follows:

March 15, 2011  
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 8:10 p.m. Michael Heffler 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