



City of Lambertville

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM, JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014

1. The Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

2. ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Bradley Campbell, Julia Taylor, Julie Anne Hadjusek, Craig Chianese, Kyle Strumfels

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. LAMBERTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (LEC) Priorities/ Events

- a. Julia Taylor provided a re-cap of the 3/15/14 CVS open space meeting:

A second meeting was held on Saturday 3/15/14, which allowed for public input on what should happen with the open space lot on N. Union St., behind the CVS. The environmental commission received a lot of great input from all that attended. Next Step will be for the LEC to tally votes from the 3/15 meeting, and present the 3 top conceptual designs to the Recreation Commission.

- b. Julie Anne Hadjusek updated the LEC on the Food Waste Programs progress:

The target start date for the Food Waste Recycle Program is still expected to be April 1st. The program has 53 enrollees as of this meeting. Information regarding the program has been posted on the LEC Facebook page and the Lambertville Group page.

- c. Kyle Strumfels updated LEC on his research looking into making Shad Fest a more "Green" event:

- Green Scavenger Hunt: Hunt for "Green" locations around town to win prizes.
- Recycle Kiosk: Kiosk linked to social media
- Compostable forks, knives, spoons, plates and bags

Kyle is also going to look into the possibility of conducting a vendor survey after the 2014 Shad Fest.

- d. **Reminder:** The Environmental Film Series begins April 4th with "GMO OMG" which explores the systematic corporate takeover and potential loss of humanity's most precious and ancient inheritance: seeds. Fridays showing will have a guest speaker. Saturday's showing will have a panel discussion. The panel is proposed to include an activist, someone working in agriculture, and someone from academia..

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell informed the LEC that member Gina Fischetti has an ongoing conflict with the regularly scheduled 3rd Wednesday meeting time. Bradley asked if the members present would have any conflict if the meeting day was moved to the 3rd Thursday of each month. More discussion is needed as other conflicts were mentioned.
- b. Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell asked if the LEC could give some thought to how the lack of parking in certain parts of the City may result in increased pollution from auto emissions as cars circle blocks looking for open parking. The LEC decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting after each member has some time to think about the issue.
- c. Julie Anne Hadjusek informed the LEC about her inquiry into the LEC website. Initial findings look as though the website is no longer available. Bradley is going to look into the issue further.
- d. Julie Anne Hadjusek is going to look into when LECs membership in Sustainable NJ is going to expire. LEC is currently a Bronze Member.
- e. It has been brought to the LECs attention that a storm water runoff issue is of concern within the open space lot behind the CVS on N. Union St. It was decided that the LEC will apply for an Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Grant to further investigate the issue.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- a. Deb Monigan asked if the LEC would be interested in developing a program for the public library which could assist residents on identifying what is recyclable, what is compostable, and what should be thrown in the trash. Ms. Monigan also suggested limiting the program to 45 minutes, and to develop a program geared to children and adults. Bradley Campbell resolved that the LEC should do this, and agreement was given by the attending members.
- b. John Squicciarino, a local farmer, asked if the LEC would support the development of a local farmers market. Bradley mentioned that the idea had been discussed at a previous LEC meeting, and that the LEC supports the possibility. Bradley proposed that the LEC look into an appropriate location, and asked Mr. Squicciarino to approach the City regarding requirements and to locate vendors who would be interested.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and Craig Chianese seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Chianese

Environmental Commission Secretary