

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 29, 2021
City Hall
MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

2. Roll Call

Cyndy Jahn

Lindsay Hansche

Doug Hara

Kate Millsaps

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

3. Approval of Minutes

Kelly motioned to approve the minutes from the August meeting and Cyndy seconded. The motion passed (4-1). Kate abstained as she did not attend.

4. Old Business

a. LGW

Mary Anne Borge noted the committee is starting to look at green infrastructure projects that can be done around town to reduce flooding impacts. Some of this would be integrated into the Climate Action Plan but some could also move forward while the plan continues to be developed. The EC voted 5-0 to support the proposal put forward by LGW.

Liz noted she would like to have the Climate Action Plan ready to be reviewed by Council before the end of the year. She is looking at holding an Information Fair to gather public opinion in the spring.

Mary Anne would like to hold educational webinars on climate change topics for public outreach.

b. Sustainable Jersey

Liz noted the second round of reviews is underway with a final recertification check in November; between now and then we are receiving

final comments and feedback. In November, the EC will know if we achieved silver or bronze certification.

Due to Ida, the City would qualify for an additional year extension to get silver if we only qualify for bronze this year.

c. Ditching Disposables

Liz submitted the final report to Sustainable Jersey this in September.

Liz noted the sustainability story hour event was done with a virtual story posted in August.

Lindsay noted the video has been completed and will be posted on Facebook.

Liz noted water bottles have been distributed to LPS.

Doug has picked up the rain barrel supplies. Lindsay has event promotional supplies printed. Lindsay will reach out to our watershed ambassador to coordinate the workshops and will look at planning the workshops in the spring.

d. PennEast

Kelly reported the project has been officially cancelled; however, the Committee is still looking at FERC reforms. The Committee is planning a celebration for October.

e. Planning Board

Kate noted the Ferry St development has received final approval.

f. Pesticides

Liz has drafted a resolution to support legislation banning neonics (A2070/S1016) for Council to consider.

The EC discussed the potential for an ordinance banning certain pesticides- specifically glyphosate as recently done in Philly and Mexico- from being used on public lands within the City.

g. Waste Stream

Liz reported 3rd can is temporarily suspended due to post Ida repair and recovery. This suspension has allowed DPW to redirect 3 employees to stormwater repairs.

h. CAT Update

Cyndy noted tours of the farm were held.

Fisherman Mark is using the farm currently.

i. Trex

No update

j. Environmental Resource Inventory

No update

k. Litter Clean-ups

Oct 16th is the litter clean up- Lindsay is point person.

l. Watershed Institute Opportunities

i. Microplastics Collection

No update.

ii. Rain Barrel Collection

Looking to hold events in spring.

m. Storm Water Management Ordinance

Kate noted this passed as Ordinance 08-2021.

n. Climate Action Plan

The EC discussed the Climate Action Plan Strategy. This strategy will be developed and presented to Mayor/Council as a template for developing a municipal Climate Action Plan. It will outline the need for a CAP, stakeholders and strategy for developing the plan.

5. New Business

Members noted an email blast list should be created for EC related updates.

6. Public Comments

Andrew Nowick: asked if any efforts were underway to clean up the creeks following Ida? Liz noted Mayor Fahl had asked EC to help with Swan Creek clean up and she reached out to DEP and they said the Department handles such matters. Liz noted the City needs confirmation DEP is doing Alexsauken as well.

7. Announcements

None.

8. Adjournment

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded. The motion passed (5-0).