

**City of Lambertville**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
Justice Center  
REORG MEETING AGENDA

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

2. Roll Call

Andy Rdesinski

Cyndy Jahn

Lindsay Hansche

Doug Hara

Kate Millsaps

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

3. Meeting Dates for 2024

Liz noted the meetings will be the last Wednesday of the month except for July 31 and Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.

Cyndy made a motion to approve the meeting dates, Andy seconded and the motion passed (7-0).

4. Approval of Minutes

Cyndy made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, Lindsay seconded and the motion passed (5-0). Kelly and Andy abstained.

Kelly made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Andy seconded, and the motion passed (4-0). Cyndy, Lindsay, and Kate abstained.

5. Old Business

a. LGW

Mary Anne is organizing a seedling giveaway on April 27<sup>th</sup>. In past years it has been held at Cavallo Park. Mary Anne would like the EC to help organize the event and is looking for volunteers.

b. Sustainable Jersey

BPU is offering a community energy planning \$10,000 grant. The deadline to apply is May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Liz will reach out to SJ for clarification if the grant is for plan development or to implement projects that align with the state EMP.

Lindsay and Cyndy will look at the grant requirements.

Liz will review the climate action plan previously developed.

c. Build Your Own Rain Barrell

The EC has materials available to plan a spring workshop.

d. Planning Board

Kate and Cyndy reported a 2 family condo project on Wilson St. was approved.

Additionally, the Planning Board will hear the redevelopment application for the high school site.

e. Waste Stream

Liz is seeking out estimates for the production of the magnets. The EC can potentially use Clean Communities grant funding for this project.

f. Environmental Resource Inventory

none

g. EV Charging Stations

Lindsay noted the site for the 2 chargers provided through the DEP grant has been finalized in the City Hall parking lot. The one station would serve 2 spots.

The City is waiting for a quote from the power company for the installation costs.

h. Clean-ups

Liz would like each member to identify one person that may be interested serving as a team leader for the community clean ups.

The cleanups will be the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and would like to hold 8 for the year.

i. Resiliency

Mayor Nowick noted the City was awarded the municipal assistance program grant through DEP to hire a consultant who will conduct vulnerability assessment and compile an action plan. The first step will be public meetings to discuss issues in neighborhoods. Kleinfelder was selected as the consultant.

j. Pesticide Education

None.

k. Green Business Education

Kelly reported there are no new certified businesses in Lambertville.

Liz suggested if the EC has funding, the EC could do another round of green business awards. Mayor Nowick suggested expanding to homeowners and landlords as well. One of the requirements to win for businesses would be starting an application with DEP.

l. Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study

Mayor Nowick noted the City received funding from the League of Conservation Voters to conduct the study. Princeton Hydro and WSP are currently working on the project. Based on the study findings, the Mayor would like to hold a referendum question on implementation in November. To meet that timeline, the Council would need to introduce an ordinance in June and adopt it in July.

The Mayor is also hosting a focus group of 20 people to help guide the public process of the feasibility study. In the spring the goal is gathering information and making public presentations.

If the ordinance is approved, the goal for the summer and fall would be educating the public on the referendum.

The feasibility study will look at what portion of our taxes are already going to stormwater maintenance.

m. Sustainability Scorecard

Kelly and Lindsay will work on compiling data for latest months.

n. Solar Initiative

Doug wants to discuss solar installation on City owned buildings with the Mayor and will set up meeting to do so.

o. Bike Share

Liz spoke to Filomena Hengst on Soups On status on bike share; they don't have a permanent location at this point. Andy will arrange to have Filomena and Bike Lambertville representative come to upcoming meeting.

p. Micro Gardens (ROW Rain Gardens)

None.

q. Terracycle Boxes

Liz suggested businesses could sponsor a box at City Hall for a month. Mayor Nowick also suggested Clean Communities grant money could potentially be used for this project.

r. Lambertville Matters

Lindsay asked members to share anything interesting.

s. Green Fair

LGW is going to organize the event every other year so the next Fair will be in 2025.

t. Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic

Mary Anne Borge was awarded a \$5000 grant for tree planting in Cavallo Park.

On the issue of the designation, Lambertville is in the jurisdiction and the EC recommended to city. Mayor Nowick noted residents on the north end of town wanted to look at ACOE flooding project again and he would like to hold off on pursuing the designation until after that process reaches completion.

6. New Business

a. Community Garden at the Holcombe Property

Liz asked members to brainstorm ideas to suggest to the Mayor.

The Mayor noted there is a groundhog problem on the site.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

Cyndy made a motion to adjourn, Kelly seconded and the motion was approved (7-0).