

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, January 29, 2020
CITY HALL, 18 YORK STREET
MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Roll Call
 - Dann Connelly
 - Mark Donlon
 - Cyndy Jahn
 - Gina Fischetti
 - Kate Millsaps
 - Liz Peer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes

Dan made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mark. Minutes were approved.
5. Public Comments

None
6. Old Business
 - a. Sustainable Jersey
 - b. Sub-committees
 - c. Planning Board

Gina provided the following report:

- Douglas St subdivision: there are concerns about impacts to wells of neighboring residents
- Previous Napa Auto Parts site is seeking mixed use development- 2 commercial units downstairs and 6 residential units. Had previously been grandfathered in R2 zone.
- 14 Lambert Lane: previously denied by Planning Board, and coming in with revised application for 2 residential units.

- 14 Church St: was seeking to open a smoke shop and therefore seeking to change from retail to mercantile, but has since pulled the application
- Fair Share plan:
 - Lambertville has an unmet need of 49 credits.

Board is considering 2 amendments to the current plan:

- Old high school site: 23 affordable units planned plus market rate units. City wants to remove existing condemnation designation so City is not obligated to buy redevelopment project.
- Redevelopment of the police station site.

d. Pesticides

Gina, Mark, and Liz serve on the subcommittee. They met with Lauren Kovacs from Lambertville Goes Wild to discuss the issue. They are currently collecting ordinances from other municipalities and looking at best practices in other communities. They are also brainstorming ideas for a community educational campaign.

e. PennEast

PennEast received a 2 year extension from FERC. The new docket number is CP20-47. Interested parties have until March 4th to intervene. There will be a PennEast pipeline committee meeting Monday, March 16 at City Hall at 5PM. The committee is planning a city wide update tentatively for the evening of April 28 or May 4th at Justice Center.

f. Trex

Mark noted an end use site for the collected waste has yet to be determined. Working with local businesses that also partner with Trex to

set up drop offs. Kate suggested program materials should be updated to include information on all local sites that accept film for Trex so residents know other options if cannot make it to City Hall.

g. Ditching Disposables

- Sustainable Story time: April 18th at 10:30am. A press release will be shared. Commission approved donating \$200 worth of books.
- Gina will reach out to school library to coordinate a potential donation. Commission approved donating \$200 worth of books.
- The Sustainable Business Forum will be held March 24th at the Justice Center. The Commission voted to adopt a business poster design for the program.
- Sustainable Business Designation: Commission still considering logo designs.
- Survey: Commission reviewed work done by consultant to develop survey. Subcommittee will work on setting up launch.

h. LGW

The Lambertville Goes Wild (LGW) team is planning an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at the Justice Center, which will include a tree seedling giveaway, planting trees at the N. Union/Cherry St Park, and offering a free educational program.

The agenda for the day is:

- 9-9:30am Set-up for presentation, info tables
- 9:30am – 1pm The STC, LEC and Rec Commission are all invited to have info tables in the lobby from 9:30-1.
- 10-11 am Free program, 'Why Plants Are Important'. Speaker: Mary Anne Borge.
- 11am – 1pm Tree seedling giveaway. LGW will be receiving 200 free tree seedlings through the New Jersey Forest Service.
- 2-3pm Tree planting at the N. Union/Cherry Street Park.

- i. Environmental Resource Inventory- The Commission will begin working on this in 2021 .

7. New Business
 - a. Lambertville Sustainable Business window sticker- discussed as part of the Ditching Disposables updates.

8. Announcements
 - City working with Tesla and DEP separately on setting up EV charging stations in town.
 - Doylestown is launching a ditching disposables campaign. First event will be a March 10th screening of the film Bag It.
 - On April 29, the Lambertville Recycling and Environment Club will be attending the LEC meeting.

9. Adjournment

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.