

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Zoom
MEETING AGENDA

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

Present: Liz Magill Peer, Kelly Kappler, Dan Connelly, Cyndy Jahn, Mark Donlon, Gina Fischetti

Motion to end meeting ~9PM – seconded, passed

3. Approval of Minutes – need to get copy of February meeting minutes for July meeting
4. Old Business

- a. Sustainable Jersey

Revisit search for sustainability consultant. Cyndy to check with previous consultant to help prepare

- b. Sub-committees

- c. Planning Board

65 Wilson st (previous YMAC site) – application to planning board is for 8 attached units + 1 single family unit. Environmental aspects raised: proximity to Cavallo park where active remediation was done, steep slope to water body feeding canal.

Memo to send to planning board to highlight concerns: potential soil contamination of beryllium and lead, plantings to potentially be replaced if removed.

Megan Ruf knowledgeable on this topic – Mark to reach out

Public comment: Lillie Chen, 17 Clinton St: lived across the street,

concerns about stormwater contamination into “raceway” that feeds canal

Public comment: Deb Vari, 151 Clinton St: this property is on zoning board

agenda 6/25/2020. Planner notes in assessment that builder will work

with planner to use recommended plants.

Liz to check with Cindy Ege on requirement

d. Pesticides

Liz stepping off pesticide sub-team. Mark and Gina to connect with Lauren to proceed.

Public comment: Deb Vari, 151 Clinton St: LWG still interested to support.

Gina commented lantern fly prevalent and can we share info on this topic.

Gina commented on towpath trees slated for removal by water authority discussed at previous council meeting. New markings on trees to be examined. Gina to check with Cindy Ege on status.

Public comment: Deb Vari, 151 Clinton St: LGW might have content

e. PennEast

i. PennEast claims that they don't need DRBC approval, however they submitted application for Phase 1 of project to DRBC. Stay tuned for public comment period!

ii. Supreme Court set upcoming conference call on June 25

iii. FERC issued rule that they must respond to rehearing requests within given timeframe, could this address the "tolling orders" issue where stakeholders submit rehearing requests and then just never hear back from agency?

iv. **References:**

DRBC meeting June 10, comments made by Environmental organizations and others urging DRBC to reject the PennEast application [article](#) and more [coverage](#)

CAP [Interview with Mike Spille](#) June 3rd

CAP [Interview with Kelly & Filomena](#) May 4th

f. Trex – program still suspended.

g. Ditching Disposables –

i. Info session – business centric – request relief sustainable Jersey

Make extra bags available to businesses. Dann, Cyndy & Liz available to drop bags at businesses who request

ii. Distribution of posters to explain plastics ordinance and DD program. Design is complete, have printed and available at city hall. Drop box location available at City hall for bags and posters.

iii. Green Biz certification – businesses can apply and receive recognition for sustainability practices. Window sticker is designed, certification criteria near completion.

Kelly to circulate flyer for Green Biz certification

- iv. Sustainability story hour – LPS was compiling list of books, then Environmental commission can purchase. Gina to reach out to Alex on how to purchase – ideally locally.
Virtual story hour with books donated to be considered
- v. Sustainable Business Awards - update to be provided at July meeting
- vi. Ditching disposables impact survey – rubric developed but this topic is business centric
- vii. Additional funds available \$2,824 – ideas for these funds?
Consider grant for sustainability enhancements for businesses.
Supplement restaurants with support for outdoor dining with compostable items or compost bins
Liz to request feedback during City business roundtable
- h. LGW – Deb Vari – requesting partnership on social media campaign “leave the leaves”. Pending gatherings allowed, September 19 plant sale at Cavallo park.
- i. Environmental Resource Inventory – planned for 2021

5. New Business

- a. None

6. Public Comments

Public comment: Lillie Chen, 17 Clinton St: expressed concerns about police site redevelopment. Geotechnical report indicates autobody shop onsite previously for ~30 years, site is proximate to C-1 waterbody.

Environmental Commission has liaison to Community Advisory Team regarding. CATchairs@lambertvillenj.org

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment – motion, second, passed, meeting adjourned 9:20PM