

**City of Lambertville**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
Zoom  
MEETING AGENDA

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

Lindsay Hansche

Kate Millsaps

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kelly to approve minutes from the December meeting, seconded by Lindsay. Motion was approved.

4. Oath of Office – Doug Hara

Doug was sworn in as a Commission member.

5. Old Business

- a. LGW- Mary Anne Borge

LGW is working on Earth Day event ideas. Mary Anne noted the City could offer seedlings but concerns with such an event in the pandemic. Other ideas she suggested: high school Environment Club students could plan and plant a wildlife garden- could do school grounds or maybe Arnett park; invasive species removal; tree planting at Cherry St. Park.; a series of virtual presentations/lectures.

Liz noted LPS was interested in doing an event.

Lindsay noted clean ups are popular.

Liz proposed a sub-committee to work on planning the Earth Day event. Lindsay will work with Mary Anne. Lindsay's ideas include a scavenger hunt and enviro mini challenges.

b. Sustainable Jersey

Councilmember Lambert will be working with the Commission on recertification.

The look back period is being extended to 2019 for acceptance.

At the last meeting, Council adopted the Green Team resolution.

c. Ditching Disposables

Liz noted posters and post cards with information on the ordinance for businesses are completed and ready for pick up.

Green business certification: Angela has created the graphic to announce the program to local businesses.

Kate will follow up with library again to get reimbursements paperwork for the Sustainable Story Hour.

Sustainability awards: Kate is posting the green consignment award for a vote next week and then need to order the physical awards.

Liz had no update on the implementation survey

Video: Lindsay is working on the story line. Motion to use Casey Caracciolo as the animator for the video made by Kate, seconded by Kelly and passed.

d. PennEast

Kelly noted FERC is reorganizing and a new chair is being appointed.

Penn East was on FERC January agenda and the vote was delayed.

NJ Natural Gas withdrew financial support for the project.

FERC has to establish a Public Information Office per the latest federal budget.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments this spring on the condemnation of state owned land issue- whether the federal government can delegate eminent domain powers over a sovereign state to a private company.

e. Planning Board

Kate noted the Wilson St development was reduced from 9 to 8 units and approved for final subdivision and preliminary and final site plan approval.

LGW landscape ordinance updates will be on the next agenda.

f. Pesticides

Liz noted the subcommittee needs a new chair as Mark is no longer on the EC. The subcommittee would be working on an outreach and education campaign to engage the public and potentially see what level of support there is for an ordinance.

Kelly volunteered to work with LGW on educational event on this topic.

g. Waste Stream Education

Liz noted the City is working with Gary Sondermeyer, Vice Chair of the Sustainable Jersey Board, on community composting.

Working on having a dumpster delivered and then residents could bring waste to that dumpster. Restaurants would be optional as not picking up curbside. A person from DPW would potentially monitor drop off on that day.

Doug asked if residents could drop off but businesses could still be picked up. Kelly noted restaurants are currently picked up 3 days a week and the City would need updated equipment.

Doug expressed concerns with the fee for the program; Kelly suggested that we offer a “sponsorship” where residents could buy memberships for others.

Lindsay brought up the green can issue: could program participants trade them in for a smaller can? Could we sell the cans to another municipality? Kelly suggested offering recycling/garbage stickers that can be placed on old green cans.

Kelly suggested doing a poll of best day for drop offs if there are choices offered by the vendor.

City is reviewing the LEC infographic on waste stream education and waiting for the finalization of the new hauler to ensure information is accurate.

Doug and Lindsay joining waste stream subcommittee.

- h. CAT Update: None as Cyndy was not present.
  - i. Sub-committees: no updates
  - j. Trex: The program is still on hold. DPW still cannot coordinate drop off of bags at the Giant.
  - k. Environmental Resource Inventory: The City Clerk helped Kate and Liz identify some potential volunteers. Kate and Liz will connect to discuss next steps. Liz is checking with Sustainable Jersey to see if Ditching Disposables surplus can be used for ERI.
  - l. Green Infrastructure Rule: City professionals are still reviewing the proposed ordinance. The deadline to adopt is March.
6. New Business

a. 2021 Meeting Schedule: Meeting schedule was unanimously approved with change to combine the July/August and November/December meetings.

b. EC Website Updates: Lindsay, Kelly and Liz will work on website updates

c. Litter Clean-ups:

Lindsay noted there was a popular post on the Lambertville Facebook page to organize clean ups. Lindsay suggested organizing 4 events in 2021.

Liz recommended coordinating with the Parks and Rec commission.

Liz also suggested one clean up day could partner with local businesses to clean areas in the Central Business District.

Doug and Kelly will help work on organizing events with Lindsay.

7. Public Comments: None

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment: Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lindsay. The meeting was adjourned.