

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Justice Center
MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Swear in Andy Rdesinski and reappointment of Kate Millsaps, Kelly Kappler and Lindsay Hansche
3. Roll Call
 - Andy Rdesinski
 - Lindsay Hansche
 - Cyndy Jahn
 - Kate Millsaps
 - Kelly Kappler
4. Approval of Minutes

Cyndy made a motion to approve minutes for the September and October meetings. Lindsay seconded and the motion passed (4-0). Andy abstained as he was not present at those meetings.
5. Old Business
 - a. LGW
 - None at this time.
 - b. Sustainable Jersey
 - None at this time.
 - c. Ditching Disposables
 - None at this time.
 - d. PennEast
 - Kelly noted the certificate was revoked by FERC.
 - e. Planning Board

Planning Board heard application on Delevan St condos at last meeting and will consider it for final approval next week.

f. Pesticides

Kelly noted Liz reached out to Council President on this issue but have not heard back from Liz on the outcomr.

g. Waste Stream

Cyndy noted that Fisherman Mark is contracted with Terra Preta to pick up food waste.

h. CAT Update

Cyndy noted there is no update at this time.

i. Trex

No update at this time. Lindsay noted again that we should check with Basil Bandwagon to see the progress made in partnering with Trex as a drop off point.

j. Environmental Resource Inventory

No update at this time.

k. Litter Clean-ups

Lindsay working on one for early April.

Mayor Nowick noted there is too much small and sharp debris for a public cleanup to happen at the Cherry St park at this time. The Parks Commission and Council is working to prepare bid for contractor to do professional cleaning.

l. Watershed Institute Opportunities

- i. Microplastics Collection
- ii. Rain Barrel Collection

Kelly noted Liz is working to get back in touch with the watershed ambassador.

Lindsay noted for rain barrels we have enough to do 3 dates so need to start setting up.

m. Climate Action Plan

No update at this time.

Kate noted we should put electric vehicle infrastructure on the EC's radar as homeowners without parking areas do not have access to chargers at this time- Kate will ask Liz if that would fall under the climate action plan or be something we discuss separately.

6. New Business

a. Parks & Rec Letters of Support

Kelly noted LGW and the Parks Commission are seeking the EC's support for a grant proposal to SJ to plant trees at the Cherry St Park.

Mayor Nowick noted that at the county level the City has a pot of open space money, funded through the municipal open space tax, and they are currently exploring how to access that funding. He noted this could be used as an alternative to the SJ grant.

Kelly requested a motion to approve the proposal for Cherry St Park with the preference for county parks funding to be used over SJ grant funding, but if that county funding is unavailable, the EC supports the use of SJ grant for the project. Cyndy motioned and Lindsay seconded, the motion passed (5-0).

b. Tree Seedling Giveaway

Kelly noted Mary Anne is requesting 500 seedlings for a hand out event. The program has no cost; just need to pick up the seedlings and provide paperwork to State on who received the seedlings.

Mayor Nowick suggested including the Shade Tree Commission and noted they are receiving a seedling from the Salem Oak.

Kelly asked for motion to approve requesting DEP to provide seedlings. Lindsay motioned, Andy seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

c. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Lindsay motioned, Andy seconded and motion passed (5-0) to approve meeting schedule.

d. Stormwater Utility

Kelly noted on March 30th the Watershed Institute will present on creation of a utility.

Cyndy participated in the NJ Spotlight Roundtable on stormwater utilities.

e. Earth Day

Lindsay noted last year the EC worked with the library to run programming. Current ideas include the rain barrel events, distributing the seedlings, and litter clean ups, but Lindsay is looking for additional ideas as well.

7. Public Comments

Mayor Nowick asked the EC to consider hosting a creek clean up day. He noted the City just received federal funding for Swan Creek clean up.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Adjournment

Cyndy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Andy seconded, and the motion passed (5-0).