

**City of Lambertville**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 29, 2022  
Justice Center  
MEETING AGENDA

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

2. Roll Call

Lindsay Hansche

Andy Rdesinski

Doug Hara

Cyndy Jahn

Kate Millsaps

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

3. Approval of Minutes

Cyndy made a motion to approve the May minutes, Andy seconded. The motion passed (4-0). Kelly, Doug and Kate abstained as they did not attend the May meeting.

4. Old Business

- a. LGW

Shade Tree Commission and LGW are applying for a grant to conduct a Tree Inventory and are seeking a letter of support from the EC.

Completing the inventory would enable the City to apply for grants to increase the stock of shade trees. The EC agreed to support the grant application.

- b. Sustainable Jersey

No update at this time.

- c. Green Business Certification

No update at this time.

d. Build Your Own Rain Barrell

Liz noted the event will be held in the fall.

e. Planning Board

No update at this time.

f. Pesticides

Liz noted green gardening tips went out in Lambertville Matters.

g. Waste Stream

Cyndy and Doug sent out a survey to community members soliciting feedback on the third can program. 194 people responded. There is interest in the community for a fee-based program.

The next step would be putting out an RFP for pick up and drop off services to see how much it is. Cyndy and Doug will work with City staff to prepare that RFP.

h. Trex

Commissioners agreed this program not as high of a priority as other projects the EC is working on given the inability to identify a corporate partner that can bring the plastic down to the Trex facility in Virginia.

i. Environmental Resource Inventory

No update at this time.

j. EV Charging Stations

Liz reported the grant application has been sent to DEP and awaiting response.

k. ANJEC grant

Liz reported the City has received the grant to install a rain garden at Cavallo Park.

l. Union St spruce up

Liz reported the Bowman Hill grant application is now open to receive native plants. Plants have to be picked up within in 30 days of grant approval. Mary Anne and Liz are working on the application now with help from Lindsay.

m. Resiliency Team

Liz reported the resiliency team is applying for a grant from FEMA for a project with an augmented reality aspect to demonstrate flooding impacts. Developing communication strategy on flood risk and personal preparedness for natural hazards.

5. New Business

a. Brainstorm Session

Commissioners presented ideas for the EC to work on and these ideas were ranked/prioritized:

- Liz suggested a 2x a year meeting with the West Amwell EC to coordinate across the communities. Commissioners agreed this should be a priority and a first step would be to send a liaison from our EC to the West Amwell meetings. Liz will reach out to Mike Spille to move forward.

- Liz suggested a neat streets program where each street gets together (at designated time) to clean up stormwater drains, weed, help neighbors, etc. This would all occur on a designated day and then have picnic afterward. Commissioners identified this as a long term project.
- Liz suggested an annual county wide EC summit. Commissioners agreed to table this idea for now to see how Go Hunterdon monthly meetings move forward.
- Doug suggested working with the City and school district to investigate installing solar. Mayor will talk to Cindy Ege about process for moving forward with getting estimates.
- Doug suggested starting a Youtube channel to create videos of what people can do to lessen their impact on the environment. Doug will check city social media policy to confirm how the EC should move forward with a TikTok and YouTube Channel.
- Cyndy suggested focusing on the stormwater utility development. Seconding this idea, Kate suggested lobbying for funding for the stormwater feasibility study as DEP as yet to commit to offering grants. Kate volunteered to work on identifying grant funding for the study.
- Cyndy suggested a recycling audit to better understand what items residents are trying to recycle so that the DPW and EC can better target recycling educational materials. Mayor noted the city is doing a trash audit this summer. The City also received a report on what was recycled that could be shared; Lindsay will summarize the report for an article for Lambertville Matters. Mayor noted we could use Clean Communities money for the magnet for trash cans on what is recyclable.

- Kate suggested looking at pilot programs to install EV charging on utility poles similar to California programs. Kate will research and Kelly volunteered to help.
- Andy suggested installing a bike share near a parking lot along the Tow Path, such as Holcombe Jimison Farm, to encourage people to bike into town. Liz noted the Soups On Salon group is looking at a similar program and will reach out to get more details on their plans.
- Andy suggested increasing stormwater wetlands along creeks to prevent erosion. Mayor noted the City is ready to go to bid on Swan Creek restoration project. The EC could also pursue an educational campaign to homeowners about what to plant along creek.
- Kelly suggested increasing bicycle parking. Liz noted that Bike Lambertville had mapped the bike rack locations in town. Lindsay will see if that map is archived on the website.
- Kelly recommended holding a workshop for local businesses on the green business certification program. Kelly and Liz will work on it. Kelly will work with Chamber. Mayor noted green building information can be put on the City's construction website.
- Kate suggested the EC revisit the banning of glyphosate on city properties to raise awareness to the public and as a first step for potential further action. Kate volunteered to share recently passed ordinances in Philadelphia and New York City with the Mayor for consideration. The Mayor noted that no chemicals are currently used on city property.

- Kelly suggested the development of microgardens on strips near roads. This idea was being developed by LGW and Kelly will check in with them to see where they are on this.
- Lindsay recommended pursuing a TerraCycle recycling program at City Hall. It would cost \$1300 for small boxes for year; \$2900 for for large boxes. Lindsay will look at grants and Lindsay will see if Chamber businesses would want to sponsor a box each month.
- Lindsay suggested bringing green tips back for Lambertville Matters and featuring more feedback from residents Lindsay will work on developing this content.
- Lindsay suggested organizing a once a month clean up group that does different parts of town. Lindsay will be lead on this.
- Kelly suggested the EC compile a sustainability score card for the City annually.

## 6. Public Comments

Larry Kelley, 25 S. Main St Apt 2H. He would like to volunteer.

## 7. Announcements

Liz noted the Solebury EAC plastic bag ban was passed. Liz would like to write a letter to congratulate them.

## 8. Adjournment

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded. Passed (6-0). Cyndy had to leave at 8.

Next meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm