

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 10th, 2022
City Hall
MEETING AGENDA

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

2. Roll Call

Lindsay Hansche

Cyndy Jahn

Kate Millsaps

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

3. Approval of Minutes

Cyndy made a motion to approve the minutes, Kelly seconded. The motion passed (5-0).

4. Old Business

a. LGW

No update.

b. Sustainable Jersey

No update.

c. Build Your Own Rain Barrell

Liz noted the program is still on hold as AmeriCorps will be appointing a new watershed ambassador for the region in the fall.

d. Planning Board

No update.

e. Waste Stream

Cyndy reported the second composting survey for residents has been sent out. This went to the people who agreed to be contacted again.

Liz and Lindsay are working on “what goes in your recycling” sticker, but that would be done after composting issue is addressed. Andy is working on getting estimates for the fridge magnets to potentially be made using Clean Communities funding.

Liz and Kelly are working on “where does your recycling go?” piece of re-education campaign.

f. Trex

No update and the EC wont be focusing on this program in the future.

g. Environmental Resource Inventory

Tabled.

h. EV Charging Stations

City awarded \$75,000 to install a charger. That will cover one parking spot. It must be used on Union St lot. The City is working with JCPL to see secure a grant to cover the installation costs.

Kate needs to send Kelly info on slow charging.

i. Union St. Lot Spruce Up

Liz noted the Bowman grant must be used on land owned by the City. The grnat can be used for plantings in the Union St. lot but not privately owned areas.

Lindsey noted the library lot could be a potential site for Bowman’s planting.

j. Resiliency

Liz reported the resiliency team is working on a remembering Ida month event that will include a crowd-sourced installation of images at the Acme.

The Mayor wrote a letter on resiliency to be published in Lambertville Matters on what has been done so far and what still needs to be done.

Lambertville Matters will have a storm season preparedness checklist.

Kate noted the NJDEP is offering a Resiliency planning grant opportunity the City should pursue and will work with Liz.

k. Pesticide Ban

Kate sent the Mayor information on other municipal bans and waiting to hear back.

l. Green Business Certification Workshop

Kelly reported no progress at this point.

m. Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study

Kate noted the DEP is offering a grant, however the City does not meet the priority criteria for consideration. Kate and the Mayor met with staff at NJ Future and League of Conservation Voters as LCV has funding through William Penn for Delaware Watershed communities to complete feasibility studies.

n. Sustainability Scorecard

Other cities do report card on their sustainability goals and Kelly has been looking at creating something similar for Lambertville. Could take the shape of a GHG inventory, water use, waste generation.

Kelly will put together ideas and share.

o. Solar Initiative

Doug not attending

p. YouTube Channel

Doug not attending

q. Bike Share

Andy not attending.

r. Bike Racks

Lindsay shared the bike rack map list. Need to update annually.

s. Micro Gardens

Kelly suggested a brainstorming session for ideas to move forward with the concept of planting along curbs to prevent stormwater from running off, especially in the hill communities.

t. Terracycle Boxes

No update at this time.

u. Lambertville Matters

Lindsay would like to get green tips going again and more creative content.

v. Monthly Mini-Cleanup

Kelly volunteered to organize a clean up of the city owned property on Swan St, potentially in August or September.

w. Green Building Tips

Liz sent information to the Mayor to be included on the construction page.

5. New Business

a. NJDOT Rockfall Project

Members of the Commission agreed the safety and environmental data shared by NJDOT was not compelling and members would support a large scale green infrastructure project rather than what is currently proposed.

EC voted(5-0) to support resolution opposing the project.

b. Spotted lantern fly trap workshop

Liz noted a resident asked we do this. Liz will organize for the spring working with Mary Anne.

c. Music Mountain

Parks and Rec is seeking a grant from DEP to install plantings and a bio retention system at Music Mountain. The EC supports the application.

The EC will also send letters of support for grant applications for native species planting at Music Mountain and Woodcrest.

6. Public Comments

7. Announcements

LGW - Native Plant sale at Cavallo Park Saturday, September 10, 10 am - 2 pm

Planting at Cavallo Rain Garden, courtesy of ANJEC Grant - October 1.

Planting at Cherry St, courtesy of Sustainable Jersey grant - October 15

8. Adjournment