

LAMBERTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

The Chairman Bradley M. Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Campbell called the roll as follows:

Present: Bradley Campbell – Chair, Emily Goldman, Charles "Chuck" Kaufmann, Julia Taylor, Alescia Teel, Amy Wells

COMPLETENESS:

Green Team designation: Resolution

- Vote to send resolution to Mayor and Council for designation

Response: Unanimous vote

RECYCLING

County Plan

County issued notice to all municipalities with wrong date...listed as March but should read June (resolution calling for municipalities to come up with ordinances by June). County will resend notice in near future. Recycling plan will be sent upon receipt. Phase approval: Effective as of December 24. Model ordinance can be used but towns are free to revise. Weekly recycling pick-up by other municipalities has been extremely successful. Program overviews will occur at next meeting. Audit reports matched up to records, Paul Kronce, Public Works Director, also sent out resolution for \$3 topping fee refunds. Money should be received in April. These funds should be dedicated for recycling, et al. Suggested that refund should be used for educational fees related to public awareness of recycling.

Weekly recycling is being requested by City residents and has proven to be successful. Goodwill would like to set-up sites throughout the City for collection of electronics, clothing, et al. They use a 40-foot trailer to collect items so location would have to be able to accommodate this. Dell is involved with this program. Suggested sites include: public works yard, Lambertville Station and CVS.

Suggestion for public information about what happens with items donated to specify that they are not being sold in stores. People should be aware that items that cannot be sold are recycled. Outstanding issues regarding this program: where it would be situated;

county tie-to share advertising costs; and concern that electronics can still legally be thrown away in mainstream trash.

- Vote for Recycling Ordinances and Practices: unanimous

County Grants:

County is not issuing any grant money at the present time. Plans included having a recycling coordinator and allowing towns to buy into the cost of Recycling Coordinator. Due to low buy-in/participation there may be additional funds available. Utility appears to have eaten funds. LEC member is scheduled to meet with utility authority regarding state grant.

GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE

Scorecard of Lambertville Environmental Commission: Need to give City a heads up on projects or elements that currently are not green and opportunities that exist to improve these programs. Commission would like to submit to Planning Board for joint-support before we submit to Mayor and City Council to overlapping concerns with any other committees.

Examples of scorecards – more than green building council?

Need for a method of tracking, i.e. steep slope ordinance

Responding to need for wind and solar through ordinance because this is consistent with terms of resolution. Suggestion for further research into PACE program that provides tax exemptions over period of time for municipalities that implement solar.

SHREC

RFP is going out the first week in March and has to be returned within 30 days. RFP will not designate the foundation. West Amwell has offered to make fields across from its local high school available

WEB SITE

Current Web site is outdated. Concerns regarding budget to get Web site completed. Existing Web site: www.lambertvilleec.org Need feedback on Web site to Emily for updates.

PLANNING AND ZONING

New business: Subdivision: Public meeting in March meeting: Lot on Bridge Street and lot of Ferry Street. Looking to subdivide lot on Bridge Street and attach it to lot on Ferry Street. Concerns that he may try to develop parcel into parking lot. Options for waste pick-up for animals. Village II near circle has something.

Crosswalk near Canal. Half-dozen pedestrian improvements around town. Ernie Hahn D & R Canal.

SHADFEST

Marketing team -- green initiative can set-up table to promote incentives and earn commission refunds. Need fundraising items: tee-shirts, water bottles, et al also at tables. Demonstrations at tables include energy usage for everyday household items. Submitted registration for parking for car and mail should have also be submitted by now Banner for booth for Shadfest – chair is working on layout.

COMMISSION NEEDS

Need for additional membership.

BY-LAWS

Need to make a determination of which existing laws meet team's focus and need for new laws.

POTENTIAL EVENTS

Speakers or events to host to increase residents involvement in commission and its activities.

Possible partnership with Acme for an event such as a film screening.

Recycling releases...every other month.

Monthly releases on updates on LEC.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule for 2010 was reviewed by Environmental Commission Members.

**City of Lambertville
Environmental Commission
2010 Meeting Schedule**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Environmental Commission of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has established their regular meeting scheduled for 2010 as follows:

March 17, 2010
April 21, 2010
May 19, 2010
June 16, 2010

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July 21, 2010
August 18, 2010
September 15, 2010
October 20, 2010
November 17, 2010
December 15, 2010

All meetings will be held at the Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville beginning at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time unless announced otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
Alescia M. Teel
Environmental Commission Secretary

Chair Campbell made a motion to approve the meeting schedule as submitted, noting that the November meeting may need to be changed, as we get closer to the event. Charles "Chuck" Kaufman seconded the motion. A unanimous roll call vote of ayes was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Kaufman seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote of ayes was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

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Environmental Commission Secretary