

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell at 7:10 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:

Community partnership:

Julia Taylor and Emily Goldman outlined the benefits of participation in a community partnership program at the upcoming Shad fest. The commission participated in a similar initiative the previous year and experienced success in outreach and attaining reward accreditation. Through participating this year the commission would have the opportunity to earn rewards, in form of incentive bonuses of up to \$4,000, for promoting clean energy/energy efficiency in the community.

The program was outlined including the public participation that would include the collection of a resident's information to ensure New Jersey residency.

Programs available to LEC to earn incentives included:

- Hosting a clean NJ team -- \$200 (The commission earned \$400 in bonuses the prior year)
- Energy star projects: dishwashers, humidifiers and room air conditioner
- Warm and cool advantage
- Online registration
- Home audit -- \$1,000 in rebates for sealants, \$800, et al
- Recycled refrigerators -- \$50 per unit – free pick-up by scheduled appointment
Follow-up after Shad for input of volunteers/registrants for program
- \$500 wind increase ordinance
Clean energy – wind site: lists of all communities that have passed wind ordinance
- Sustainable NJ – work in progress
- New construction program – energy star homes: 10 units \$300
- NJ Energy Star climate homes (near zero): \$1,000 per home for energy star home with solar panels

Other opportunities that were outlined for potential events for the commission included: workshops for programs to encourage/educate interested residents.

The commission discussed the possibility of hosting a public workshop in the autumn that would be set-up to provide information on all the programs and incentives available to residents that would be followed by a movie screening.

Events:

The commission would like to create an image that would correlate to it for a banner for future events in the City.

Also, discussed the potential for a fundraiser to raise funds to support future events, mailings and public awareness material.

Ordinances:

Commission determined need for updated Recycling and Green Team ordinances. Chair Campbell would draft ordinances with insight from Amy Wells, Emily Goldman and Charles "Chuck" Kaufman.

Future business:

- Updated recycling program overview – Chuck Kaufman would research topic.
- Stormwater resident guide – Amy Wells, Chuck Kaufman and Alescia Teel would work on researching topic.
- Curb your dog measures – Alescia Teel would research initiatives in other communities to find out prevention/education tools and costs.
- Updating of LEC Web site – Chair Campbell offered services of volunteer to assist with updating commission's site.
- Potential event: Movie Screening: Pinelands
- Potential event: Michael Oppenheimer: energy efficiency/global warming – fall – Chair Campbell suggested as a potential future event.
- Information on proper disposal of products used daily: cartridges, ink cartridges, juice boxes, corks – Opportunity for collection program at Lambertville schools – Amy Wells offered suggestions on implementation of program based on similar programs instituted by retailers.
- Potential for E-waste collection. Specifically, group collection day before county facility is open to avoid tons of traffic and residents having to make individual trips (next trip is July) – Chuck Kaufman and Julia Taylor offered insight on existing programs and offered to look into future opportunities.

- Hybrid vehicle: grant as hybrid as next police vehicle – Chair Campbell would look into potential to purchase hybrid vehicle if new police vehicle is needed.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule for 2010 for the Environmental Commission remained as originally scheduled.

**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
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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Amy Wells 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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The meeting schedule for 2010 was reviewed by Planning Board Members.