

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, JUSTICE CENTER, 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Bradley M. Campbell at 7:09 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:

Weekly recycling

Mayor Dave DeVecchio addressed the commission regarding the City's budget and the changes in City's recycling program.

Mayor DeVecchio provided an overview of the changes and also took questions from the commission. The mayor's comments focused on:

- 1) Increased numbers in recycling and tipping fee
- 2) Discussion of the budget in regards to environmental programs including open space and garbage collection

Bylaws

Amy Wells provided an overview of the final draft of the Bylaws. The following sections were discussed by the commission in relation to relevance and necessity in revised laws:

- Marina Section
- Role of Secretary in support of Commission
- Addition of Conflict of Interest rule into Bylaws
- The commission agreed on the need for a template agenda in the event an agenda was not set 24 hours prior to a commission meeting for future meetings.

Amy Wells Paul made a motion to approve the bylaws. Charles "chuck" Kaufman seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of ayes was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

City Resolutions

Charles “Chuck” Kaufman will continue to work on alternative to flat rate charge for trash collection fees.

Web site

Alescia Teel and Emily Goldman provided an overview of the commission’s new Web site that is under revision. The commission agreed on style and format revisions needed.

Open Space

Emily Goldman discussed priorities with the Recreation Commission. Chair Campbell proposed a public hearing to enable the community to respond to preservation needs for the City and to help the City develop a priority list based on residents’ needs and wants.

Ordinances

The commission agreed on the need to establish wind and solar ordinances to further promote renewable energy opportunities for the City. Chair Campbell committed to reviewing City’s goals with Mayor and working on drafts.

Potential Events

Chair Campbell suggested the following future events to improve the commission’s visibility and participation by the public:

- Joint public space discussion
- Two events in fall to attract crowd, increase public aware of LEC and environmental awareness
- Event before Labor Day with member of congress and the League of Conservation to promote energy conservation
- Speaking engagement with John McPhee “The Founding Fish” – To promote local tourism and highlight wildlife species indigenous to Lambertville
- Two visible service-based events – Swan Creek Bridge Clean-up suggested

Contact Us

Generic Email Account – google account -- Alescia Teel agreed to set-up and act as point of contact as Commission’s Secretary. Topic specific inquiries would be fielded to the member with appropriate knowledge.

Establishing a Paypal account

The commission agreed on the need for LEC to establish an electronic payment method to support its fundraising efforts and to allow the public to support the commission's efforts through donations.

Alescia Teel made a motion to establish an electronic account if in accordance with the City. A unanimous vote of ayes was taken in favor of the motion by all members present.
MOTION CARRIED.

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.

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Chair Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Alescia M. Teel
Environmental Commission Secretary