

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 27, 2018
CITY HALL, 18 YORK STREET
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Roll Call. **Attendees: Mark Donlan, Liz Peer, Lauren Kovacs, Cyndy Jahn, Kelly Kappler. From public: Mayor Julia Fahl, Alexis Berends, Steve Chernoski, Lou Bodine**
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes. **Motion, carried, passed unanimously. Minutes approved.**
5. Public Comments
 - a. Lou Bodine, KB Landholdings LLC, development of 14 Lambert Lane. What is LEC's role in approving or reviewing proposals in front of planning board? LEC serves in advisory function to planning board regarding environmental considerations of proposals for planning board to consider during review.
 - b. Steve Chernoski – New Hope Free Press.
 - i. Regarding recent mention of classification of C1 for Swan Creek mentioned in media with comments from Jeff Tittel, does the LEC have a position on reclassification? City reached out to NJDEP to understand approval process. Mayor Fahl indicated concerns about how it could affect floodgate project. Encouraged to pursue more information.
ACTION: Kelly to request more information from Jeff Tittel about history of classification of Swan Creek.
 - ii. 5G installation and potential health impacts? 5G is in early stages of consideration by the city council, health impact concern has been noted at city council meetings. The LEC is not prepared to make further comment at this time.

- iii. Ditching Disposables – what is it? Initiative to complement the bag ban that is designed to help citizens and businesses make more sustainable choices regarding single use plastics.
 - c. NJ water supply authority (utility) is removing trees along canal. John Hutchinson at DRCC has jurisdiction to propose language for requiring the DRCC be alerted when clear cutting is taking place. Unclear if town council has authority to conduct permitting.
6. Old Business
 - a. Sustainable Jersey. **None.**
 - b. Sub-committees. **None.**
 - c. Planning Board/Construction Permit Review
 - i. **57 Quarry St DEP notification received. No action needed at this time.**
 - ii. **14 Lambert Lane. Comments on application:**
 - **The railroad on border of property was not identified as an environmental concern. Question on creosote contamination of soil on property.**
 - **Concerns on stormwater management and impervious cover. Current surface is pervious.**
 - **LEC recommends to conduct site visit prior to waiving environmental resource inventory.**
 - d. LEC 2019 Budget. **City council will be conducting first round of budget in April and then approving in May. In June further consideration will be made. LEC will hear back soon regarding Sustainable Jersey grant application.**
 - e. Emerald Ash-borer Update – Kelly. **Woodcrest development has begun ash tree removal, with much more still to be done over coming years. Consider to re-energize EAB sub-team with shade tree commission.**
ACTION: Kelly to brief to city council in spring at request of Mayor Julia Fahl.

- f. Water Chestnut Remediation at SUEZ Water.
ACTION: Kelly reach out to Jaspur to determine if interest to conduct water chestnut clearing in 2019.
 - g. City Recycling Cans. **Hold on this, pending feedback from public works audit.**
 - h. DD Meeting Dates. **Additional noticed public meeting to enable further focused work on the Ditching Disposables campaign. Third Tuesday of month 7:00PM (to be confirmed.)**
7. New Business
- a. ANJEC Grant. **Presentation of joint filing with Rec Commission, LEC, & LGW to create wildlife garden at N. Union St. Park (behind CVS).**
 - b. Electric Charging Stations Grant Waitlist. **DEP has program “it pays to plug in” which offsets the cost to install and run electric car charging stations.**
ACTION: Liz to follow up.
 - c. Supporting Pedestrians and Cyclists – Mark. **Suggestion to install pedestrian light to cross Main St to Ely Park. Lambertville bike club wants to bring Lambertville to American Bike Friendly city. Mark to share concerns with Mayor in alternate forum.**
 - d. Pick Up After Your Pet Initiative. **Pet waste sponsor stations that contain bags. Consider once Public Works audit complete.**
 - e. Water Filling Stations. **Cost ~\$6-10k. Add to 2020 agenda. Consider potential sponsors.**
 - f. ERI 2020. **The Environmental Resource Inventory is due for an update. LEC to add to 2020 agenda. ANJEC recommended Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission as potential resource to complete, which would require budget – Lauren and Cyndy to address in 2020.**
 - g. Canal Clean Up Day. **Friends of Delaware River canal are planning clean up day.**
ACTION: Mark to consider Fall clean-up day.

8. Announcements. **None.**
9. Adjournment. **Motion, carried, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.**