

**City of Lambertville**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, July 24, 2019  
CITY HALL, 18 YORK STREET  
MEETING AGENDA

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

2. Roll Call

Dan Connelly

Cyndy Jahn

Gina Fischetti

Kelly Kappler

Liz Magill Peer

Kate Millsaps

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kelly Kappler, seconded by Cyndy Jahn. Minutes approved, with Dan Connelly abstaining.

5. Welcome New Commissioner Dann Connelly

Dan Connelly was approved by Council and will officially be sworn in at the Commission's next meeting.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Old Business

a. Sustainable Jersey

Consultant needs to be hired to track metrics of EC work for reporting to Sustainable Jersey for the certification process. An RFP will be published for the position.

The RFP for the ditching disposals specific consultant position is prepared and the Business Administrator (BA) will be distributing it.

The EC will complete the process for the DD campaign specific position and then pursue the Sustainable Jersey certification reporting position once the DD consultant is hired.

b. Sub-committees

- A liaison from the EC needs to be appointed to work with the Sustainable Jersey consultant when hired.
- The EC will form a waste stream sub-committee comprised of 3 members at the request of the Mayor and BA. Cyndy and Dan will serve along with Liz. The subcommittee will prepare a report at each meeting that can be shared with EC members to keep all up to date on progress.

c. Planning Board

At the last meeting, the board passed a resolution denying the 14 Lambert Lane application. Neighbors would like to see if the property can become a pocket park similar to the property the City acquired from the developer on North Union (behind CVS). Additionally, the Basil Bandwagon variance was approved for signage and site plan.

Future items before the Board include (1) the Ferry St development, which already has approvals extended under the Permit Extension Act, and (2) the North Franklin lot project.

d. 2018 Annual Report – Final Vote

Kelly made a motion, Cyndy seconded and the final report was approved.

e. Waste Stream Education

The EC has received the planning document prepared by Council on next steps for the program.

Members of the EC expressed support for a strong emphasis on the bungee cord requirement to prevent contamination. Additionally, members expressed concerns that fines may disincentivize program participation, especially if the primary problem is identified as being other people dropping waste in members' food waste can.

The EC is requesting additional information on what is currently recyclable in the City given market changes. The BA is working on this with Public Works.

f. Herbicide Spraying

A citizen group has formed around this issue.

The EC sent a memo to the Clerk and was informed the Council may consider the issue at their next working session (beginning of August).

g. Trex

The City, EC and volunteers are working to set up plastic film collection points (grocery bags, bread bags, bulk toilet paper wrapping) that Trex can recycle. Volunteers would collect the material, sort to ensure no contaminated items are included, and bring to Public Works for them to deliver to Trex local collection point.

CVS, City hall, and the Library are being explored as collection locations.

h. Tap App

BA approved EC's request to engage the Chamber and local businesses on participating in the Tap App. The App lists local businesses that will refill water bottles for free to promote the use of reusable beverage containers. Kate will reach out to the Chamber and Kate and Liz will work on a Facebook post. Kate will also work on a write-up for the City website.

The EC will further discuss if funding can be used for window clings for participating businesses.

Refilling water bottles and other means of supporting reusable beverage containers will be further explored as an item on the DD qualifying business rubric.

#### 8. New Business

##### a. DD Logo

The EC voted and approved the water bottle and fish logo.

##### b. Cherry St Planting Day

October 12<sup>th</sup> the Rec Commission will be hosting an event to mark their ANJEC grant recipient and install plantings the grant helped obtain. Volunteers needed.

##### c. Communications liaison

The EC designated Kate as the Communications Liaison to send quarterly reports on the EC's work for inclusion in the newsletter being prepared by the City.

##### d. Rain barrel

Riverhorse is donating eight 55-gallon drums for a future rain barrel event.

#### 9. Announcements

a. ANJEC Plastics Forum – July 23, 7pm at The Lambertville House

b. LEC Sustainable Business Forum – July 31, 1-2pm at The Justice Center

#### 10. Adjournment

Cyndy motioned to adjourned. Kelly seconded and the motion was approved.