

City of Lambertville
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 25, 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
 - Dann Connelly
 - Mark Donlon
 - Gina Fischetti
 - Kate Millsaps
 - Kelly Kappler
 - Liz Magill Peer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 - Kelly motioned, seconded by Dann. Minutes approved. Gina abstained.
5. Public Comments
 - Mary Ann Borge of Lambertville Goes Wild (LGW):
 - Cherry St/N. Union planting on Oct 12th- tentatively 9-1.
 - Need volunteers- hoping to have 25 people there. Mark will share with South Hunterdon contacts and Boy Scout Troops.
 - Liz will invite ANJEC to attend
 - Need to catalog media coverage as part of the ANJEC grant for the plantings. Lambertville Goes Wild will send out a press release.
 - Report to ANJEC due Oct 31st
 - Liz will ask City to post on the website
 - Need volunteers in late October or early November to finish the swale covering with landscape fabric.
 - Lambertville Goes Wild Permit
 - Would like to get signs from the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for the 5 entries into town announcing Lambertville

is a certified “community wildlife habitat”. Signs are \$105 currently, but NWF is developing new signs and when those are ready would be \$60 each. EC voted to support the sign placement. LGW has about \$500 left in their budget. Dann noted we should find out how much it would cost for the work to place the signs on the roadways.

- LGW is requesting \$500-\$700 in next year’s budget for educational speakers and programs.

6. Old Business

- a. Sustainable Jersey
- b. Sub-committees
 - i. Waste Stream Education Update – Dann

Stickers have been finalized. Public Works will sticker all bins.

City is moving forward with bungee cords for compost bins.

Liz noted the City continues to discuss ways to improve the composting program.

Gina suggested producing magnets with recycling guideline information instead of flyers.

- c. Planning Board – Gina

- Overlay zone on Clinton St for 8 new units: The City has a settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center that includes instituting overlay zones to address the unmet need obligation of about 44 units. Existing overlay zone for downtown is one affordable for every 5 market rate; Clinton St. proposal seeking to build 7 market rate units and 1 affordable unit.

- d. Herbicide Spraying

Liz noted concerned residents spoke at the Council meeting. Mark would like to begin working on model ordinance on pesticide use with recommendation to Council to pass. Liz would like to hold an educational forum as first step.

Subcommittee will be formed with Mark, Gina, and Liz to discuss setting up the forum and working on ordinance proposal for next year.

e. Trex – Liz

Liz noted a volunteer is needed to pick up the plastic, sort and weigh it at Public Works. Public Works then transports it to the regional facility.

f. Tap App – Kate

Kate will circle back with Tap on their grant program for water bottle refill stations.

g. New Jersey Clean Communities Delaware River Cleanup Report – Mark

Mark noted the event had many volunteers and was a success.

h. DD Canvassing Day Update-Liz

Liz noted the bag for distribution has been selected and she is working to finalize the door hanger. Target date is Nov 3rd.

7. New Business

a. PSEG Letter

PSEG has filed for DEP permits for upgrades to overhead transmission lines in the City.

b. LGW Permit- Discussed in public comment portion of meeting.

c. Cherry Street Park Planting Day- Discussed in public comment portion of meeting.

d. Budget: Liz will meet with Commissioners one-on-one to discuss project ideas for FY2020 budget.

Budget requests are due Oct 15th

Dann suggested running a community survey to learn more about residents' priorities. Dann will check with BA if any legal issues and will draft survey.

Liz would like to pursue pet waste and water bottle refill stations as part of capital improvements.

e. Proposal for Enviro Data Evaluation and Reporting Consultant

The EC received an application from Scott Hengst. Mark motioned, Kelly seconded and EC voted to approve the hire of Mr. Hengst.

EC would additionally like to discuss with Mr. Hengst hiring him as the consultant for the Sustainable New Jersey reporting requirements.

f. Gina requested Penn East updates at EC meetings. Kelly noted NJDEP received the revised Penn East application and identified deficiencies. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a private company granted eminent domain cannot apply that power to State preserved land-presenting a significant hurdle to Penn East's currently proposed route.

A town wide update is being set up for November 18 7PM at the Justice Center with Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

Mark motioned and Gina seconded. Motion approved.