

Borough of Doylestown

Environmental Advisory Council & Joint EAC Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, September 12, 2019

Attendance: Members George Mullikin, Steve Rubenstein, Michael Moscherosch, David Kapturowski, Liz Magill – Lambertville EC, Tovah Karl - Plumstead Township EAC, Eric Allen - Solebury Township EAC, Council Members Noni West, Wendy Margolis, Mayor Ron Strouse Karyn Hyland,

1) Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

2) Welcome: Michael Moscherosch, Doylestown Borough EAC Chairperson

3) Lambertville Single-Use Plastics Regulations: Liz Magill Peer, LEC Chairperson, reviewed their initiative to reduce the single-use plastics.

Moved quickly to implement an ordinance to eliminate plastic bags, polystyrene, and plastic straws; does not currently contain a bag fee; gave themselves a year to prepare for implementation; received a Sustainable Jersey grant \$20,000 which helps with communication and media;

Initiatives: Event to turn t-shirts-to-re-usable-bags; local business communications; host trade fair with local businesses and suppliers

Upcoming community canvassing day to educate residents in advance. Offering two re-usable bags to each household; will use door hangers for those that are not available; roughly 3600 bags or 1800 households, to be manned by ~40 trained volunteers; will collect email addresses to engage with the city to receive more information based on their interests

Upcoming sustainable business forums starting over the winter to continue the education

Launching a Green Innovator award (plaque) and currently collecting nominees from the residents. Was publicized online.

Green Business Network that business can apply to be a member based on a rubric of criteria. Members to receive a sticker for the business window.

Should expect a break-in period of resistance to any change and then acceptance

Farmer's Market supports initiatives on their own - take a bag / leave a bag; sell re-usable bags.

Also does composting service -city provides trash service for residences (not necessarily businesses) customer is required to participate in composting; see a need for more specific labeling for the containers to lessen confusion and contamination; contamination caused city to lose composter contract; is now re-examining for future improvements; Education around trash and recycling in the form of events with the Mayor (Sort the trash with your Mayor)

Strouse suggested having the waste haulers do the messaging directly to customer

Some Lambertville business offered to mentor other businesses to be more sustainable.

Noted: A good contact for review of ordinances is Logan Welde - lwelde@cleanair.org attorney staff of the Clean Air Council

4) Doylestown Borough Single-Use Plastics Reduction Recommendation to Borough Council and Public Survey Results

Mike reviewed the recent and planned activities of the Borough EAC

5) Plumstead Township, and Solebury Township Activity

Solebury Township will be sending out recycling instruction flyers with normal mailings like tax bills; suggests one approach would be act in concert with multiple municipalities to challenge the state restriction on enacting an ordinance; currently has a draft of the ordinance recommended by the EAC with support from Supervisors, this is on hold pending the state prohibition;

Plumstead Township - considering a contest to create reusable bags from recycled materials

6) Open Discussion / Next Steps

- Will inform the attendees of our future events
- Will share draft ordinances between the EACs
- Continue to move forward to ordinance drafts

7) Adjournment: George M. moved to adjourn the meeting, and David K. seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 9:10 pm.

8) Next Meeting: The next EAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Doylestown Borough Hall.