

Environmental Commission
November 13, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7 PM

Present: Joel Boriek, Jim Meade, Pete Palac, John Mizin, Tom Woodruff, Rocco Musolino, Commissioners; Bill O'Brien, Alternate

Discussion on Ceramics plant

Developers have reported that the Preliminary Assessment plan has been submitted to the NJDEP, next is the site investigation report, projected to be done by Dec --a this is a review of record and history of use on the site.

Once this is done, the owners will prepare a remedial site investigation starts -- anticipated to be done by February. This is the further investigation process of areas of concern and identifies how to remediate (from soil, air, water testing) and develop (they have 4 years to do this). Remedial action plan is expected by April.

32 areas of concern have been identified -- and they seek a site wide response action outcome (previously NFA) -- to do this, everything has to be clean and controlled.

Some of the NFA's issued on the site are over 30 years ago and they were issued under industrial site clean regulations, not residential.

EC reviewed and discussed a draft second letter to council requesting continued public information and community engagement during the remediation investigation and clean-up process.

By unanimous vote, the EC voted to send the letter as written with amended language to include request for a public presentation on the site investigation report.

Community Energy Aggregation Program:

Michael Heffler, representative from HALT and Lambertville Citizens Group against the Pipeline and Liz Peer from the Lambertville EC joined us to discuss their proposed "greening the pipeline" project, an energy aggregation program focused on engaging communities impacted by PennEast pipeline to negotiate energy purchase contracts that increase the amount of energy coming from renewable sources. Communities can aggregate with others to lower the cost.

The Borough would need to agree to a fee for a consultant to bid to switch to a default supplier as a whole community -- individuals could opt out and go just with JCP&L.

The consultant will provide you several scenarios of energy mixes

EC voted unanimously to get on Borough Council agenda to discuss the program, and identify a representative to attend an informational meeting

Well testing results:

Margaret will speak with Mara about getting our aggregated town wide water test results to discuss at our next meeting

Joel and Jim met with state parks about management activities on the Frenchtown preserve, we are waiting for them to sign off on the Memorandum of Agreement, and they will meet with them again.

Review of our budget --we have funds available and Jim is getting deer fencing quotes and supplies for trail maintenance, so we can purchase this month, and to use the grant funds from ANJEC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM