

Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
June 3, 2021

Attendees: EAC Members: Lynn Rothman (Chair), Mike Topping (Vice Chair), Ben Guthrie (Secretary), Beth Behrend, Ben Felzer, Brian Nicas, Elisabeth Cichonski
Jane Cook (Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife, Monocacy Creek Watershed Assoc.), Katharine Targett Gross (Lehigh University), Ben Murphy-Schmehl (Lehigh University), CJ Marina (Lehigh University), Kathy Fox (Bethlehem Food Co-Op), Al Wurth (Lehigh University), Mike Albanese, Rachel Leon, Arif Fazil, Karen Berry

Call to Order – 7:05 PM

1. **Approval of minutes (May):** Motion to approve minutes made by Brian, seconded by Ben F. Approved unanimously.
2. **Environmental Justice in the CAP: Presentation by Ben Murhpy-Schmehl and CJ Marina, students at Lehigh University**
3. **Chair’s comments & amendments to agenda**
 - None
4. **Place citizens’ comments on agenda**
 - None
5. **Board comments and announcements**
 - None
6. **Committee reports**
 - a. **Green Committee (Brian)** – Inaugural Rose Fest will occur on Saturday, May 26 from 11:00 to 2:00. The EAC has been invited to table there. Brian and Elizabeth have volunteered. Thanks to everyone who came out to the sapling planting.
 - b. **Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife (Jane)** – BBFW has been making lots of progress on Hoover Mason Trestle. The native plantings at the Rose Garden did survive the construction, and will be expanded in near future.
7. **External committee reports**
 - a. **Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC)** – No updates
 - b. **Monocacy Creek Watershed Association (MCWA)** – Planted another 150 live stakes recently. There was a successful recent clean-up in Bath. The construction will begin in 10 days on riparian stream bank work in Gertrude Fox Conservation Area.
 - c. **Pedestrian Bridge** – Kickoff meeting was held in May.
8. **Unfinished business**

- a. **Climate Action Plan** – EAC will begin review of City ordinances (SALDO and Zoning) as discussed with Tracy last month. Planning Department will have two interns this summer that may be able to assist.
- 9. New business**
- a. **Review of Projects** – The planning department has forwarded several recent development plans to the EAC for comment. Comments are due shortly for 250 East Broad Street.
 - b. **LV EAC Network Forum** – EAC Forum will be held on September 18 at Cedar Beach Park Pavilion in Allentown.
- 10. Agenda for next meeting (July)**
- a. Combined heat and power (CHP)
 - b. Discussion of future meeting locations (virtual vs. in person).
- 11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Guthrie, Secretary