

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
July 1, 2021**

Attendees: EAC Members: Lynn Rothman (Chair), Mike Topping (Vice Chair), Ben Guthrie (Secretary), Beth Behrend, Elisabeth Cichonski
Jane Cook (Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife, Monocacy Creek Watershed Assoc.), Hillary Kwiatek, Mary Jo Miserendino

Call to Order – 7:03 PM

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of minutes (June):** Motion to approve minutes made by Mike, seconded by Ben G. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Chair’s comments & amendments to agenda**
- 4. Place citizens’ comments on agenda**
- 5. Board comments and announcements**
- 6. Presentation: Community Scale Solar & Combined Heat and Power (Elisabeth) -**
Elisabeth will call a meeting of the Energy Committee to make recommendations for moving forward with these types of initiatives.
- 7. Committee reports**
 - a. **Green Committee (Elisabeth)** – Thank you to Brian and Elisabeth for volunteering and staffing an EAC table at the Inaugural Rose Fest.
 - b. **Waste Reduction Committee (Beth)** – EAC had previously produced proposal for plastic bag ban. State legislature had placed a moratorium on plastic bag bans. Bethlehem now has an opportunity to move forward with a ban should City Council decide to do so. Committee will be meeting on Monday to discuss potential next steps.
 - c. **Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife (Jane)** – BBFW has been making lots of progress on Hoover Mason Trestle, with weeding sessions every two weeks. The next session is this coming Saturday.
- 8. External committee reports**
 - a. **Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC)** – No updates.
 - b. **Monocacy Creek Watershed Association (MCWA)** – Construction was recently completed on stream bank reinforcement work in Gertrude Fox Conservation Area.
 - c. **Planning and Zoning** – Lynn will continue to share plans via email. There may also be an opportunity to review the hard copies of recently submitted plans.
 - d. **Pedestrian Bridge Working Group** – No updates for working group. Lynn will represent the EAC on a climate and environment focus group.

9. Unfinished business

a. Climate Action Plan

10. New business

11. August meeting

- a. Agenda and location** - August meeting will be held in person at Illicks Mill.

12. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Guthrie, Secretary