

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
November 4, 2021**

Attendees: EAC Members: Lynn Rothman (Chair), Ben Guthrie (Secretary), Beth Behrend, Ben Felzer, Brian Nicas, Elisabeth Cichonski
Kathy Fox (Bethlehem Food Co-Op), Jane Cook (Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife, Monocacy Creek Watershed Assoc.), Mark Harris, CJ Marina, Anna Zawierucha, Gale Maleskey

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

1. Welcome

- 2. Approval of minutes (October):** Motion to approve minutes made by Ben F., seconded by Brian. Approved unanimously.

3. Chair's comments & amendments to agenda

- EAC members are invited to write articles for a new Lehigh Valley environmental newsletter ([Lehigh Valley Green](#)).
- EAC members are invited to receive a tour of Camels Hump Farm to learn more about the facility. The farm is used for educational purposes. Tentative date of 11/13 at 10:00 AM. Lynn will follow up and confirm.
- The Planning Department is in the process of updating the City's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The revisions will include the goals from the Climate Action Plan. There will be a presentation to the Planning Commission about the Climate Action Plan on Thursday, November 11 at 5:00 PM.

4. Place citizens' comments on agenda

- Mark Harris – Discussion regarding recent paving of sections of Monocacy Way Trail.

5. Board comments and announcements

- Brian asked EAC members to please review the EAC website to see if any sections need to be updated.

- 6. Broad Street Active Transportation Plan – presentation by Ben Guthrie** – The Bureau of Planning and Zoning, with assistance from Traffic Planning & Design, recently completed a plan to improve safety for people walking, biking, and riding transit on Broad Street.

7. Committee reports

- Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife (Jane Cook)** – The elevator is currently out of service at the Hoover Mason Trestle. The rose garden native plant beds were expanded this summer.
- Waste Reduction Committee (Beth)** – No update.
- Green Committee (Brian)** – No update.

d. **Energy Committee (Elisabeth)** – No update.

8. External committee reports

- a. **Monocacy Creek Watershed Association (Jane Cook)** – MCWA recently planted 60 trees and native grasses along the creek. There is a stream cleanup event planned in Bath on November 13.
- b. **Planning and Zoning** – EAC recently submitted letter regarding the proposed development at Third Street & Taylor Street.

9. Unfinished business

- a. **Purple Air Monitor** – Ben Felzer and Breena Holland have been in touch with the Bethlehem Parking Authority regarding the possibility of installing a monitor at the New Street Parking Deck. BPA suggested a location but it does not appear to be feasible. Ben and Breena are investigating an alternative location on Third Street.
- b. **Pedestrian Bridge Over Lehigh River** – Brian provided an update on the project. Three preliminary alignments are currently being discussed.

10. New business

- a. **Lehigh Summer Internships** – Ben F. is working to create CAP-related internship opportunities with the EAC.

11. Agenda December 2nd Meeting

12. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Guthrie, Secretary