

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council  
General Meeting  
February 3, 2022**

**Attendees:** EAC Members: Lynn Rothman (Chair), Beth Behrend (Vice Chair), Ben Guthrie (Secretary), Mike Topping, Beth Behrend, Ben Felzer, Brian Nicas, Breena Holland, Anna Zawierucha, Janine Rothbauer, Doug Roysdon

**Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**1. Welcome**

**2. Approval of minutes (January):** Approved unanimously.

**3. Chair's comments & amendments to agenda**

- Committee is working on next LV EAC network mtg. Hoping to have Lehigh Valley Planning Commission give a presentation.
- EAC openings: To date we have received two applications. The deadline to apply is February 11.
- The Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation is seeking candidates to represent the newly formed District 9 on the PA Game Commission's Board of Directors. To apply: [Deeberly@pa.gov](mailto:Deeberly@pa.gov)

**4. Board comments and announcements**

**5. Place citizens' comments on agenda**

- Breena Holland – Working on placement of Purple Air Monitors on the south side.

**6. Committee reports**

- a. **Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife** – No report.
- b. **Waste Reduction Committee** – No report.
- c. **Solar Committee** – Committee members (Brian, Elisabeth, and Lynn) will continue to meet to work on updates to Bethlehem's solar ordinances.

**7. External committee reports**

- a. **Monocacy Creek Watershed Association** – Continue to plan for plantings along the Monocacy at the Gertrude Fox Conservation area and along Monocacy Way Trail downstream of Illick's Mill. Also planning some trail work at Gertrude Fox once the snow clears.
- b. **City Council**
  - Dr. Wandalyn Enix was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mayor Reynolds.
  - An EAC liaison is expected to be appointed shortly.

**8. Unfinished business**

- a. **Lehigh Spring Internships** – The students will present their internship work at our May meeting.
- b. **Potential presentations at future meetings**
  - Climate Action Plan and Environmental Justice: Southside of Bethlehem development. There was consensus to have a presentation on this topic at our March meeting if possible.
  - Bethlehem Parking Authority
  - Solar Ordinances
  - Other

**9. New business**

- a. **Pedestrian Bridge (Doug Roysdon)** – Doug spoke about the importance of the pedestrian bridge as a vital link for a walking and biking friendly city. He spoke about the opportunities presented by the Webster Street alternative. Brian Nicas is the EAC representative on the City’s Pedestrian Bridge Steering Committee. The next meeting date has not yet been announced.
- b. **Future Projects (Brian)** – Impact of road salt on waterways.

**10. Agenda** – The next EAC meeting will be held on March 3rd.

**11. Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Guthrie, Secretary