

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
June 2, 2022**

Attendees: EAC Members: Lynn Rothman (Chair), Ben Guthrie (Secretary), Mike Topping, Ben Felzer, Katie Trembler, Vibhor Kumar
Guests/Community Members: Jane Cook, Kathy Fox, Doug Roysdon, Steven Fernstrom, Brian Nicas.

Call to Order – 7:03 PM

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes (May): Motion by Ben F., seconded by Katie. Approved unanimously.

3. Chair’s comments and amendments to agenda

- a. A mural of the chimney swifts will be unveiled at the Bethlehem Area Public Library on June 10, 2022 at 3:00 PM. The mural will ultimately be placed on the Walnut Street Garage.
- b. All are invited to the Lehigh Valley EAC Network Forum featuring Becky Bradly, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission on June 8, 2022.
- c. Rose Fest will be held at the Bethlehem Rose Garden on Saturday, June 25, 2022. The EAC has been invited to have a table.

4. Election of Vice Chair

- a. Lynn nominates Ben F. Seconded by Ben G. Ben F. elected as Vice Chair unanimously.

5. Bethlehem Parking Authority Update – Steve Fernstrom, BPA Executive Director

- a. Transportation
 - 40 percent of fleet is now electric (six electric vehicles)
 - Bicycle racks are being added
 - BPA now has 20 EV charging stations
- b. Efficient Operations
 - All garages are 100 percent LED lighting
 - Surface parking lots are approximately 90 percent LED lighting
 - Finalizing solar study for existing facilities
 - Hosting sustainability fellowship program
 - Creating in-house green team
- c. Procurement
 - Utilizing sustainable cleaning products
 - Committed to sustainable design principles (Parksmart)

6. Board comments and announcements

7. Committee reports

- a. **Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife (Jane Cook)** – Just finished planting 200 native perennials on Hoover Mason Trestle and resolved irrigation issue. Will be getting 20 interns to help with additional work on Hoover Mason Trestle on June 24.
- b. **Solar Committee (Lynn Rothman)** – Presentation/discussion of the committee's draft revisions to the existing solar ordinance.

8. External committee reports

- a. **Monocacy Creek Watershed Association (Jane Cook)** – On June 8 the MCWA will be meeting with three representatives of City engineering team to visit four sites along the creek.
- b. **City Council** – No report
- c. **Planning & Zoning** – No report

9. Old business

10. New business

- a. **WeConserve PA Roundtable: EACs and Environmental Justice** – Tabled discussion for future meeting.
- b. **Pedestrian Bridge (Doug Roysdon)** – Doug is proposing a community forum with 4-5 groups to discuss making Bethlehem a biking city. The EAC is invited to participate.

11. Next Meeting

- a. **Meeting Date** – The next EAC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022.
- b. **Meeting Location** – The meeting will be held in person at Illick's Mill.

12. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Guthrie, Secretary