

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
December 1, 2016**

Attendees: Present were Council members Fran Cundall, Jack Gambino, Kalyna Procyk, Lynn Rothman and Mike Topping. Bethlehem residents Brian Hillard, John Brunner and Nancy Topping were also present.

Approval of the November Minutes: After a few minor corrections, Jack moved and Fran seconded approval as amended; approved.

Chair's Comments: Lynn and Kalyna plan to attend the 4th Annual **Summit for Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities** on December 9th at the Renaissance Hotel in Allentown. The topic is "Local Economies: Powerful Ideas, Practical Actions". Lynn submitted the **EAC YEARLY REPORT** to City Council and Mayor Donchez on November 23rd. (copy attached to November minutes) **DCNR grant applications** are being accepted from Jan. 23rd to April 12th.

Citizens' Comments: None

Sub Committee Reports:

Energy: No report

Green Committee: No report

Transportation: CTAC is still working on an application to become a Bike Friendly City (BFC).

External Committee Reports:

Zoning: No report.

City Planning: No report.

City Council: No report.

Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Potential projects:

Recycling: Kalyna will write a letter describing the reasons for providing recycling containers in the downtown areas and ask the Administration and City Council to provide funding in next year's budget for this program. The letter will be sent to all EAC members for review and comment prior to being signed and sent by Lynn as Chair.

Monocacy Creek Watershed: Kristie Fach from the Wildlands Conservancy will attend our next meeting to review the Monocacy Creek restoration project, which includes restoring the park area adjacent to the creek.

Sustainability Initiative for the City: John described some of the work that has been done on trails in the City, as well as the work presently being done on the Southside Greenway, which will extend the system to Coopersburg and beyond. He noted that a trail system plan, prepared by Urban Research, which included a pedestrian bridge over the Lehigh, had been drafted for the City but never approved officially or adopted by the City. There should be available a study as well as a drawing(s) showing what was proposed. If

found, copies should be presented to the EAC so we can review them and then make recommendations to the Administration, as appropriate.

Kalyna noted that the William Penn Foundation may be a source of funding for implementation of the proposed improvements. John agreed, noting that they provide funding to many local organizations involved with trail improvements and watershed protection. John offered to draft a letter explaining the potential of the trail study and plan and the reasons why it should be adopted by the City. This will be reviewed at our next meeting.

New Business:

City Council Meetings: Jack offered to cover the December 20 meeting.

Membership: Subject to approval by City Council, Lynn has offered to remain on the EAC and serve as chair for 2017. Due to added work at Moravian, Fran has asked not to be reappointed. John was asked to submit a resume and cover letter to the City Clerk so he could be considered for appointment to the EAC. Brian has already submitted his paperwork for appointment.

Projected Terms: Lynn until January 2020

Mike & Jack until January 2019

Kalyna until January 2018

One vacant seat is for 2 years & two are for 3 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.