

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
February 1, 2018**

Attendees: Council members: Lynn Rothman, Brian Hillard, John Brunner, Jack Gambino, Kathy Fox and Mike Topping. Also in attendance: Martha Christine from Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife, Elisabeth Cichonski, Katrina Prutzman, Rachel Rosenfeld, and City Council members William Reynolds and Mike Colon.

Approval of December Minutes: Moved by Jack; seconded by Kathy; approved.

Approval of January Minutes: Moved by Jack; seconded by Kathy; approved.

Chair's Comments: There will be a lecture by the former president of Ireland, Mary Robinson, titled Climate Justice: Why Climate Change is a Threat to Human Rights at Lehigh University on February 6 and there will be a sustainability conference at Lafayette College on February 17.

Board Comments: Mike reported on the Shad Banquet where Lin Erickson gave a talk on the proposed Da Vinci Nature/Science Center in Easton and Professor Charles Hardy III gave a talk on the past and present history of the Delaware River Watershed.

Committee Reports: None

External Committee Reports:

City Council: Councilman Reynolds reported that Adam Waldron is the new President of Council and that Councilman Reynolds will become the head of the environmental committee of Council. Therefore he will be the new liaison to the EAC and attend most of our meetings.

Planning & Zoning: None

Unfinished Business:

Climate Action Plan: Lynn noted that the City is working on the greenhouse gas inventory for municipal operations, which will then be expanded to a citywide inventory. EAC meetings will be used as a mechanism for public engagement in the plan and each meeting will concentrate on one subject at a time. Mike Alkhal, Director of Public Works, will be the Administrations liaison with the EAC.

Due to conflicts in March, the first presentation by the City will be at the April meeting. This meeting will be held in Town Hall at our normal day and time and will provide an update of the City's greenhouse gas inventory and proposed Climate Action Plan.

A list of community organizations, both public and private, which should be invited to this meeting, was developed and each of the EAC members was asked to invite some of them personally. At the March meeting, the EAC will have time to develop a format

for the April meeting. Kathy noted that Somerville, Mass., which has a similar population to Bethlehem, has gone through this process and has a lot of information on their website which could be helpful.

There followed a general discussion on the various formulas and computer technologies available to collect the data and then distribute it to the public via a City website or other means. Jack will draft an information sheet to distribute to the public. Lynn will work on an ad for the meeting and contact the City Clerk regarding Public Notice of the location change.

Lynn will contact Wildlands Conservancy to see if they would like to make a short presentation on their activities in the City at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30