

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council
General Meeting
July 7, 2016**

Attendees: Present were Council members Fran Cundall, Jack Gambino, Kalyna Procyk, Lynn Rothman and Mike Topping.

Approval of June Minutes: After a short discussion with minor corrections, Jack moved and Kalyna seconded approval; approved.

Citizens' Comments: None

Chair's Comments: Lynn had met Brian Hillard, who indicated he was very interested in joining the EAC, and will be coming to our August meeting.

Board Comments: None

Sub Committee Reports:

Energy: No report.

Green Committee: No report.

Transportation: Lynn reported that the bike sharing program should start in July with outlets at the Bethlehem Library on the North Side and the Cutters Bike Shop on the South Side. They will use some type of ID scanner to allow persons to use the bikes.

CAT will have a table along the tow path on Saturdays where they will provide water, minor repairs and pamphlets to bikers and they asked if members of the EAC would want to sit with them to talk about environmental issues to the people on the tow path.

A draft of "Vision Zero" has been written which promotes ideas and programs for the elimination of vehicle-pedestrian fatalities. Bethlehem is the first city in the area to promote this program and CTAC is a primary promoter of this report. Lynn will email copies of the report to the EAC and will forward any comments we might have to CTAC.

External Committee Reports:

Zoning: No report.

City Planning: No report.

City Council: Allied Environmental Signage has been chosen to provide wayfinding signs for the City and an ordinance concerning the removal of graffiti, which would require private property owners to remove graffiti, is under consideration

The proposed changes to Article 146, which created the EAC, were approved on first reading.

In order to keep the wording of the EAC By-Laws consistent with the changes to Article 146, the EAC members voted to make the following changes to the By-Laws: Article IV (2) should be changed to

insure that the City Council member appointed to the EAC is not a member of the EAC, but is considered a liaison to the EAC; Article VI (1) should state "The City Council shall designate the Chair Person of the EAC, which is in keeping with the state law that created the EAC; and in Article IX the the word "votes" should be inserted after two (2). After discussion, Mike moved and Jack seconded the recommended changes; Approved.

Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition: No Report

New Business: Lynn presented a list of possible EAC projects for the future. After discussion the following subjects were promoted for consideration: Weed Ordinance, Riparian Buffer Ordinance, recycling, lead in drinking water and in paint, air quality, solar energy, wind power, and follow up on the City carbon inventory and climate action plan. After discussion, the EAC members agreed that a tour of the recycling center in the City would be helpful in understanding all of the materials that they deal with and how the center operates. Also, jack recommended that the Energy Committee could look into how other cities deal with energy issues. Kalyna has a new course in environmental policy and planning and asked the members to think about possible service learning and/or research projects in which her students could become involved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.