

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council**  
**General Meeting**  
**August 4, 2016**

**Attendees:** Present were Council members Fran Cundall, Jack Gambino, and Lynn Rothman. Brian Hillard, a Bethlehem resident, was also present.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Review and approval of July Minutes was postponed until the September meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Citizens' Comments:** Brian Hillard introduced himself and expressed his interest in seeking an appointment to the EAC.

**Chair's Comments:** Lynn reported that registration is open for the Eastern Pa. Greenway and Trails Summit, which will take place on September 14 and 15.

**Board Comments:** Jack and Lynn reported on their visit to the Bethlehem Recycling and Compost Center on August 4. Michael Conway, the Center's director, gave a tour of the facilities and explained recent efforts to better serve city residents, including the placement of recycling containers on Main St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. These efforts did not proceed because of the prohibitive costs of containers meeting the requirements for the historic district. Mr. Conway agreed to send EAC information on the Main St. recycling containers and work with the EAC on future efforts.

**Sub Committee Reports:**

**Energy:** Jack reported on his cursory search of residential alternative energy options, including solar energy, and the availability of state and municipal incentives. Brian Hillard offered additional information on renewable energy options. Additional information will be provided at future meetings.

**Green Committee:** During July, the green committee (Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife) was very busy helping to water the 100 trees donated by TD Bank and planted by volunteers this spring in city parks. In collaboration with the City of Bethlehem and the Mt. Airy Neighborhood Association, Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife also co-sponsored two tree walks, one at Martin Luther King Park on July 12<sup>th</sup> and one in Rockland Park on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Transportation:** Lynn reported that the launch of the bike-sharing program will take place on August 18. Lynn also mentioned that adoption of "Vision Zero," a program that promotes ideas and programs for the elimination of vehicle-pedestrian fatalities, will be announced soon by the Mayor. Bethlehem is the first city in the area to promote this program and CTAC is a primary promoter of this report.

**External Committee Reports:**

**Zoning:** No report.

**City Planning:** No report.

**City Council:** Lynn reported that Council did not consider any business relevant to EAC. After the meeting Lynn introduced herself to Jane Persa, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, and offered our assistance with projects.

**Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition:** No Report

**New Business:** Lynn presented a list of possible EAC projects for the future: Weed Ordinance, Riparian Buffer Ordinance, Recycling, Lead in drinking water and in paint, Air quality, Solar energy, Wind power, and follow up on City carbon inventory and climate action plan. EAC members agreed to continue the discussion at the September meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.**