

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council  
General Meeting  
October 7, 2015**

**Attendees:** Present were Council members George Yasko (Chair), Fran Cundall, Lynn Rothman, and Jack Gambino.

**Approval of September Minutes:** Minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting were approved with corrections.

**Board Comments and Announcements:** Fran reported that she had been contacted by a Bethlehem resident who had been cited for a violation of the Weed Ordinance due to her overgrown backyard. Fran reviewed the Weed Ordinance and noted that it is vague and ambiguous. She recommended that the EAC review the ordinance in the future.

**Sub Committee Reports:**

**Energy:** Jack reported on his review of the current provisions for wind energy in Zoning Ordinance. The provisions appear to be consistent with those found in model ordinances for wind-generated energy. EAC agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

**Green Committee:** No report.

**Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition:** No report.

**Transportation:** Lynn reported on grants that are currently available for placing bicycle racks at various locations in the city. She also reported that the City is awaiting a response for its grant application for establishing Bike Share locations in the City. A discussion ensued on the locations and suitability of bike racks in the City.

**External Committee Reports:**

**City Council:** George reported that City Council approved (Oct. 6) a contract to have Wildlands provide construction management for the stream bank project on the Monocacy Creek between the dam and Ilick's Mill Road.

**Old Business:**

**Japanese Knotweed:** George reported on the knotweed problem along Route 378. EAC reviewed a map of the area.

**Bethlehem Water Quality:** EAC discussed ways of promoting the quality of water from the Bethlehem municipal water supply. Suggestions included placing a flyer in the water bill mailed to residents and sponsoring a water tasting table at outdoor events in the future.

**New Business:** George reminded the EAC that nominations need to be made for replacing members whose terms expire in January 2016. He stated that he will not serve another term and that EAC needs to begin to think about who will serve as the next chair.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25.**