

**Minutes  
Allentown EAC Meeting  
June 11, 2018  
Allentown Public Library**

In attendance: Tinku Khanwalkar, Joseph Hoffman, David Melman, Brian Hillard (Bethlehem EAC), Jennifer Swann, Anthony Hespeth

Tinku Khanwalkar called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

The minutes of the May EAC meeting were approved

Anthony Hespeth introduced himself. He has applied to be a member of the Allentown EAC. The application was submitted on May 18 and he is still waiting to hear back. Tinku Khanwalkar committed to check on the status of his application and encouraged Anthony to attend the EAC meetings while waiting for approval of his application as the EAC's decisions are made by consensus and all input is welcome.

**Green Drinks Event on Stormwater (Tinku):**

- There was a discussion about additional people to be contacted about the November Green Drinks event which the Allentown EAC is organizing as a facilitated discussion of regional approaches to stormwater issues in the Lehigh Valley. David Melman offered to contact Dr. Jason Kelsey at Muhlenberg College about it. Joseph Hoffman offered to contact Erin Frederick.
- Tinku still needs to check if Mike Gibson can attend and still needs to contact Chris Kocher of Wildlands Conservancy. Liz had previously committed to find a contact at Delaware Watershed and to contact Roger Rugles and Northampton County Council. Brian Hillard did contact Tara Zarinski of Northampton County Council and Rachel Rosenfeld of Sierra Club. Liesel did contact Rebecca Kennedy of the Watershed Coalition and Rebecca has agreed to attend.

**Report on Parks and Recreation (Joe Hoffman):**

- Joe Hoffman reported that the Jordan Creek Greenway Renovation Project is not very far along. He is continuing to keep an eye on stormwater issues related to the project.
- The peak summer season is now beginning for Parks and Recreation, so it will be difficult to get their attention for the rest of the summer.

**Report from Public Works Department (Craig Messinger):**

- Tinku Khanwalkar reported that she had heard from Angela DiBuo that Public Works is extremely busy right now in compiling various required reports. Joseph Hoffman suggested that perhaps an EAC member could meet with Public Works in advance of EAC meetings much like Joe has been meeting with the Office of Parks and Recreation.

**Report on Planning Commission Activities (Joseph Hoffman):**

- There has been no activity of interest to the EAC at the Planning Commission

**South Mountain Parcel Development (Joseph Hoffman):**

- The property owner might be willing to sell the property but at a very high price. Joe continues to engage in discussions with a potential coalition that may purchase the property. However, a key step is the City's master plan which will form the basis for valuing the property.

**Status of Contacts for City Council liaison (David Melman):**

- David reported that he had not yet had a chance to ask Courtney Robinson if he would agree to be the City Council liaison with the EAC.

**Monthly EAC messages:**

- June – Gardens and Bees (Liz Hunt)
- July – Plastics (Jennifer Swann)
- August – Stink bug infestation (??)
- September – Promote Green drinks event and stormwater issue (??)
- Should one month be devoted to Solarize Lehigh Valley?

**Status of Facebook Page (Liz Hunt):**

- Liz was not present to provide status

**Improvements to Web Page:**

- Tinku requested members to check out the web page and make any suggestions for improvements. She reported that Jill Trznadel who is the City's web designer is very willing to work with us

**Iron Pigs Environmental Event (Liz Hunt):**

- Liz Hunt was not available to provide an update