



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Riverfront Park

- **EAC members:** A. Sellers, B. Vitale, C. Curran-Myers, D. Beane, S. Bach, S. Thompson, J. Cole
- **Council Representatives** – C. Miller, R. Nunez
- **City Staff** – B. Ayers-Fisher, M. Smith, B. Murray, R. Gensemer, S. Bachman, S. Harrity, D. Anspach, R. Bradley, K. Zeiber, S. Wangolo

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I. Opening Matters

- Welcome from Chair
- Call to order
- Public comment
- Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2024

II. Upcoming Meetings, Events, and Staff Updates

III. Old Business

- Signage / Mapping Proposal, Funding - Cathy Curran-Myers, Sarah Bach, Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Annual Report to City Council – Cathy Curran-Myers, Sarah Bach
- Berks County EAC mixer – David Beane

- Berks Nature Public Meetings – Sarah Bach
- Goggleworks Rain Barrel Workshop – Scott Bachman

IV. New Business

- 2025 Budget request - \$18,000 budgeted in 2024; \$5,000 spent to date
- Beekeeping Zoning Amendment – David Beane
- PFAs Update – David Beane

V. Project Updates (as needed)

- Communications Committee Update – Bill Vitale
- Policy Committee Update – David Beane
 - Beekeeping
 - Shade Tree Ordinance Amendment
 - Single Use Plastic Ban
 - Non-use Aquifer Designation
- Green Infrastructure Committee Update – Sarah Bach
- Rain Garden Installations - Cathy Curran-Myers, Scott Bachman – installation at Baer Park complete
- EPA Exide Cleanup Update – David Beane, Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Brownfields Database - David Beane, Shelly Smith
- NREL Project – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Energy Efficiency Project – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Innovation Corridor / Green Spaces
- Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Plan – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Urban Agriculture – Sarah Bach, Cathy Curran-Myers, Shelly Smith
- Technical Assistance from the Water Center at UPenn and the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Invasive Plants / Noxious Weeds Education – David Beane, Cathy Curran-Myers
- MP3 Environmental Committee – Cathy Curran-Myers
- Storm Water / MS4 Issues – Scott Bachman, Bill Murray
- Solid Waste / Recycling – Steve Harrity
- Lead Abatement Program – Jarel Melendez
- BCTV Program – Ryan Bradley
- City-owned Dams – David Anspach, Scott Bachman

VI. Other Matters

VII. Long Term Projects

- Environmental Justice Issues - Cathy Curran-Myers
- Code Review Committee – Bill Vitale
- PFAs – Bill Murray
- Zero Waste Plan – Bethany Ayers-Fisher
- Comprehensive Plan

VIII. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 13 at noon at Mineral Spring Park (bring a chair)

IX. Adjourn