

# ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday March 4, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Attending:** Bracken Brown, Chair; Tom Kerr, Noah Rauch, Dale Derr, Randy Hensinger, Anita Zawada, Laurie Goodrich.

**Secretary's Report:** Laurie distributed minutes from February by email and at meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

KU Designathon. Dale and Noah reported the group produced an infographic and tri fold display. Noah thinks we can print up trifold to use, perhaps for the May program and Fair. Noah wants to make edits to the design. Need to credit photos possibly. Dale said it was a good effort and worth our time to be involved.

Farmland Raptor Feb Talk. Good turn out with 41 attendees including some kids. Not sure why did not get more people but maybe the weather. Dale asked about whether we would consider yard signs. Tom suggested we all be sure to share the talks when posted on Facebook.

March 12. Pine Marten talk scheduled. Tom will have cookies, Noah to do the audiovisual set up. All plan to meet 630 pm to set up. Must get our posters made in Kutztown now.

### **Other activities:**

April 20<sup>th</sup> is roadside clean up organized by Lions Club. Noah can bring a truck (LG cannot be there).

May 21<sup>st</sup> is bird walk in township park at 8 am by Bracken, assisted by Laurie. The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a rain date. Need to get word out earlier this year. Flyer or poster—can someone make one?

May 28<sup>th</sup> is program by Stroud Water Research Center on water in township, Noah organizing.

Dale is working with Andrew Fetterman of Berks Nature on a program for summer or fall, with youth. Bracken said he can meet with the two as well. Dale mentioned possible program on stormwater issues.

Mid-June is the Fair. We will set up a table for EAC. Any new items for the table?

### **New Business:**

Funding if needed? Dale mentioned Albany Tomorrow Fund and Berks Community Foundation are possible sources. He will get more information.

Bracken mentioned Sarah Chudnovsky has written and offered her grant writing or project stewardship skills to the Township.

Social media: We need to update more, would be great if people can send items, topics or photos to Noah and Bracken regularly. Noah said to send him photos and he can update. He will also post on other natural history topics such as wood frogs calling.

Question arose as to the status of large-scale solar or warehouse ordinance. Bracken said he would reach out to Joe Body and try to get update at next meeting. Laurie said there are some models out there. Would like to see the lighting advisory elements that we created as part of new ordinances, or amendments if they proceed, especially in industrial and commercial.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany Township EAC Secretary