

# **Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission**

**July 1, 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Kempton Fire Company social hall, Kempton, PA.

The following members were present:

P. Bauscher

B. Hamm

J. Robertson

A. Zawada

The following member was absent:

D. Dietrich

J. Body, Township Engineer, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by J. Robertson, chairman, and A. Zawada, secretary took the minutes of the proceedings.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2024, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2024, were approved.

## **Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (NBJCP)**

J. Body informed the Planning Commission members that the first meeting of the NBJCP Advisory Committee will be some time in August. J. Body will contact the Berks County Planning Commission to inform them that J. Body, J. Robertson and the township supervisors will represent Albany Township on the NBJCP Advisory Committee.

## **EAC - Zoning Amendment Suggestions**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) joined the Planning Commission to discuss possible Zoning Ordinance updates. Discussion centered upon concern that our ordinance leaves us ill-prepared to handle certain areas of development, namely: warehouses, concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOS) and utility and community-scale energy development. We discussed ways to engage the public in this process, possibly through public meetings to get community input. The EAC members offered their support in this effort.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by B. Hamm and seconded by P. Bauscher. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.