

Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission

October 7, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Kempton Fire Company social hall, Kempton, PA.

The following members were present:

P. Bauscher

D. Dietrich

B. Hamm

J. Robertson

A. Zawada

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 September 9, 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 September 9, 2024, were approved.

Michael Bailey

Farm and Natural Features Review

Proposed house construction on 5.53 acres, north side of Trexler Road.

After discussion, a motion was made by D. Dietrich, seconded by A. Zawada and unanimously carried to approve the Farm Review of Michael Bailey subject to the conditions in J. Body's Farm and Natural Features Review dated October 2, 2024. (Document No. 1)

Marie Lutz – Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation

M. Madtes, surveyor, discussed with the Planning Commission a proposal for a lot line adjustment/annexation on the Kirk Road property of Marie Lutz. They will return to the PC after a review by Berks County.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (NBJCP)

J. Body informed the Planning Commission members that the township supervisors are pursuing meetings with Lenhartsville and Greenwich township with the goal of possibly joining them in a joint comprehensive plan.

EAC – Grid Scale Solar Farms Discussion

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) joined the Planning Commission to discuss possible Zoning Ordinance updates regarding grid scale solar farms.

To encourage public involvement and input in this process, a public meeting on the topic of grid scale solar farms was scheduled for November 21, 2024 so that we can get an ordinance acceptable to the community and the township.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Dietrich and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.