

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday June 3, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Secretary's Report: Laurie distributed minutes from May by email and at meeting. Minutes with roll call correction were reviewed and approved. Vote Call: Bracken-yes, Noah-yes, Dale-yes, Anita-yes, Laurie-yes, Tom-yes.

Old Business:

Membership: Bracken asked for EAC members to send names of possible new members to him by next meeting. One opening currently. List of names will then be reviewed with Supervisors to consider a replacement.

Programs:

Fair: Bracken will set up the table on the 12th, Tom will assist and take down at end of Fair. Noah to assist if needed. Will display some maps, soils, aerial, etc. Noah should have trifold done for Fair. Can have flyers about programs. Dale suggested we laser engrave logo on a scrap wood piece.

Stroud Program- Noah reported he scheduled the Stroud program on water for June 18th at 6:30 pm. Bracken said he would investigate producing the signs online but Noah said he can price out at Kutztown printer. Tom will create a flyer and promote in Facebook.

Bird Walk – May 21st at 8 am in Albany Park is the scheduled bird walk. Bracken asked Noah to come as well as Laurie. Tom will announce in community page.

September 24th Stormwater program. Dale mentioned the date is secured for Ashley Showers to be here.

Current activities:

No Mow—Bracken has purple stakes for landowners. Post on facebook?

Letter to Supervisors—Bracken will meet with Supervisors tonight regarding the EAC letter on ordinance updates. Letter was mailed this past weekend to Supervisors. After getting their approval, Bracken will meet with Planning Commission.

Anita left to attend Planning Commission.

Social Media:

Photographs and information posts are welcome. Send to Noah or Bracken. Noah has some drone footage of the Township that could be great media post.

New Business:

Albany Tomorrow Fund at Berks Community Foundation- funded a ADA Picnic Table for the park. He also mentioned the Gilmore Henry Fund is seeking grant requests with focus on recreation in the community. Dale suggested they might cover research into ordinances or could be other options. Tom mentioned that technically grants need to go to Township and thus any proposal should come from Supervisors, though we can prepare it if they approve.

Adjourned at 8:20 to attend the Supervisors meeting and then Planning Commission to discuss the concerns of EAC on ordinance updating. At PC meeting discussed holding a public meeting to get community input on certain issues before a lot of work done. PC and EAC thought this was a good plan.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany Township EAC Secretary