

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Monday February 2, 2026 – 7:30 PM
Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Recreation Board was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Stephen Hamm.

Present:

Recreation Board Members:
Stephen Hamm, Chairman
Lucy Muth, Vice-Chairman
Renee Olszewski, Secretary
Stephen Wade
Jenna Van Zyverden

Also Present:

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2026, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Lucy Muth and seconded by Steve Wade. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2026 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

5K Update

- All parties involved are moving forward with planning
- The event is obtaining the appropriate insurance coverage required

Wildflower/Tree Planting

- Hunter from Hawk Mountain will put together a seed mix for the park
- Steve Hamm presented a proposed tree planting map along Jim Kindred's property line
- Approximately nine different tree species are being considered
- Many of the proposed trees support wildlife and insects; several of the trees are flowering species
- The Board discussed seeking tree donations and possible grants to cover remaining costs
- The goal is to plant more established trees to improve survival rates

Park Signage

- Jon Bond gave a pricing for park signage. This included the cost of the sign and the design. 12x18 = \$50.00, 18x24 = \$100.00, 24x30 = \$125, 3'x3' = \$175
- Steve Wade will begin drafting a grant application for park signage

- The Board discussed the goal of installing one or two large park maps, along with smaller informational signage for bat boxes, purple martins, trees and turtle pond.

Grants

- Grant deadlines are in March
- The Board will review and consider which grants to pursue

NEW BUSINESS

Township Signage

- An Albany Township Park sign at the park entrance
- Smaller signs marking park boundaries

Property Lines

- Discussion held regarding having part of the park surveyed to better define property lines. This is especially important following the acquisition of the triangular parcel from Chad Trexler.

Park Security

- Discussion held regarding the addition of surveillance cameras
- This followed recent vandalism involving vehicles doing donuts

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Steve Wade and seconded by Jenna Van Zyverden. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by Renee Olszewski, Secretary