

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company
2461 Route 143 Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday, May 5, 2025

Attending: Chairperson Bracken Brown, Anita Zawada, Noah Rauch, Thomas Kerr, Barbara Jucker, and Dale Derr.

Minutes: Noah Rauch motioned to approve the April 7, 2025 minutes and it was seconded by Anita Zawada. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda

Announcements:

Bracken Brown announced that Garrett Schoorn was interested in coming aboard as our newest EAC member.

Dale Derr updated the EAC members on the Albany Township Tomorrow and its denial of the EAC grant application for a public sign to be placed in front of the Kempton Fire Company. After discussion, Bracken Brown proposed that the EAC send to the Albany Township Board of Supervisors a request for the full financial coverage for the cost of the sign. Derr provided the invoice for the sign. In turn, the members unanimously voted to send the request to the Supervisors.

Discussion:

- Bracken Brown led a discussion on the upcoming Solar Power forum scheduled for May 8, 2025.
- Noah Rauch shared that our May 2025 educational program will dovetail with the Maiden Creek and Tulpehocken Creek watershed associations and their collaboration with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association. The event will take place on May 13, 2025, starting promptly at 4:30 PM by the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary camping area.
- Dale Derr suggested that the EAC consider sponsoring a scholarship at Kutztown Area High School to provide an incentive for 1-2 students from Albany Township to participate as members of the EAC. The EAC members supported the notion, but asked for a report at the next meeting. Derr will talk with school district officials and report back.
- Bracken Brown led discussion on topics for lectures or demonstrations.

Programs and Activities:

Purple Martins	Mike McCartney, possible July 2025
Astronomy	Frank Lightner, Lehigh Valley Astronomy Club Date TBD
Mosquitos and Ticks	October 21, 2025
Topics under Consideration	
Bats	Regional Geology
Acquatics Biology	Herbaceous Riparian Buffers to Water Sources
Forestry	Fish
Invasive Loosestrife	Add presentation to Facebook page Re: 09.09.2024 EAC Minutes
Regional Natural History	Add presentation to Facebook page Re: 09.09.2024 EAC Minutes

The EAC meeting ended at 8:22 PM. The Planning Commission invited our members to join them in review of possible points to include in Solar Power ordinance development.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dale Derr.