

Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission

June 3, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Kempton Fire Company social hall, Kempton, PA.

The following members were present:

P. Bauscher	J. Robertson
D. Dietrich	A. Zawada
B. Hamm	

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 May 6, 2024, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Dietrich and seconded by P. Bauscher. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2024, were approved.

Sousley/Caruso Annexation

Subdivision/Annexation

Roy and Linda Sousley presented the Sousley/Caruso annexation plan to the Commission. Upon review of the Plan, it was determined that changes to the plan were made to comply with J. Body's Review dated May 6, 2024. After discussion, a motion to approve the plan was made by A. Zawada and seconded by P. Bauscher. The motion was unanimously carried and the Sousley/Caruso annexation plan was approved.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (NBJCP)

On May 24, 2024, J. Body partially attended a virtual meeting concerning the Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan and the development of an Advisory Committee in that regard. It was confirmed at this June 3rd meeting of the township Planning Commission that J. Body, J. Robertson and township supervisors would be the representatives of Albany Township on the NBJCP Advisory Committee.

EAC - Zoning Amendment

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) joined the Planning Commission and informed the commission that they had approached the Board of Supervisors to discuss Zoning Ordinance updates. The EAC is particularly concerned that our ordinance leaves us ill-prepared to handle certain areas of development, namely: warehouses, concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOS), community-scale energy development and water-extraction operations. The EAC members offered their support and would use the resources available to them to assist 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 8:45 pm.