

Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission

April 7, 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, April 7, 2025, 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	

Also present: J. Body, Township Engineer

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 March 3, 2025, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by B. Hamm and seconded by A. Zawada. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2025, were approved.

Michael Bailey

Discussion regarding the planting of trees on their property in accordance with requirements of their previously approved Farm Review. Tina Wise showed the Commission members their current plan for planting evergreens to satisfy the requirements of that Farm Review.

Gary Wessner – New Ag Storage Building

Albright's Mill, LLC

S. Bauman presented a plan to the Planning Commission showing the proposed new building and storm water management. After discussion, a motion was made by A. Zawada and seconded by B. Hamm to approve Albright Mill's new storage building on the top of the hill. The motion was unanimously carried, and Albright Mill's new storage building was approved. The roof and siding of the building will be Clay, Color 1313.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (NBJCP) Status

Township Solicitor, Jay Davis, wrote a letter to the Berks County Planning Commission outlining some of Albany Township's concerns with the Joint Plan. The supervisors are continuing discussions regarding this agreement.

Zoning Concerns – Solar Ordinance Outline Discussion

The Environmental Advisory Council joined the Planning Commission for a discussion regarding the creation of an Albany Township solar energy ordinance and/or zoning amendment. A public meeting on that topic was scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 7 pm in the Kempton Fire Company social hall.

At this point in the meeting, chairman Robertson recused himself and D. Dietrich acted as chairman.

Jim Robertson – Subdivision/Annexation

J. Robertson informed the Commission that he would like to improve a lot by adding 10 acres to that adjacent existing lot.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.