

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Tuesday March 13, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Attending: Laurie Goodrich, Anita Zawada Noah Rauch, Stephanie Stoudt. **Absent:** Bracken Brown, Tom Kerr, Randy Hensinger.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for February 2023 circulated by email. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Forum

New Members. Bracken has agreed to be the new Chair after Jeff resigned. Other possible EAC members were discussed. A few names were suggested. Laurie suggested that we need to confer with Tom or Supervisors on steps to add people. At Supervisor's meeting they stated we need to present a list to them for consideration before approaching anyone.

Current Activities

Nesting Grassland birds on Albany Park: Noah and Laurie met with the Parks and Recreation committee for their consideration after the EAC meeting in February. The Parks committee said this proposal aligned with their own discussions, so they supported that it be presented to the Supervisors. At their request Bracken spoke to his brother Josh, who said he was happy to do whatever the township desired as far as mowing or not mowing. Bracken said it would not be an issue to him to leave some set aside until end of summer. Laurie and Noah agreed to present to supervisors after meeting tonight. Laurie and Bracken also agreed to offer for EAC members to do a nature walk on the site for plants and birds for Albany residents, possibly early June and maybe again August.

Township Video: Noah said he is continuing his work on short video clips but needs some more material.

Public Programs

Geological History of Albany Township will be hosted on March 28th. Tom will prepare a flyer and circulate and verify the building is available. Laurie will bring cookies and water. Noah can help with audiovisual that night, and members of the group should plan on being at fire company by 615 pm to set up on March 28th. Laurie suggested we can make up a handout of upcoming programs perhaps. Noah might have time to prepare that.

Next talk scheduled is Noah who will present on forest regeneration and invasive plant management on May 2nd 7 pm.

We need to confirm with Bracken on dates and topics of fall programs for either September or October programs possibly on ticks and lead.

Old Business

Plant list. It is up on website. We should post this on Facebook page more than once and announce at programs to promote usage.

Facebook page for EAC. Inaction noted which we need to address. Steph and Noah agreed to help out with regular content that can include just photos from around the township to build visits. Steph gave Noah access to allow that. Laurie suggested we again try to share photos and challenge for people to ID where it came from. All should help with this!

New Business. Anita mentioned the planning commission is considering a proposed joint comprehensive approach to solar and warehouses being discussed tonight by engineer.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm, Laurie and Noah visited Supervisor's meeting.

Signed,

Laurie J. Goodrich
Secretary