

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company
2461 Route 143 Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday, September 8, 2025

Attending: Acting Chairperson Noah Rauch, Anita Zawada, Thomas Kerr, and Dale Derr.

Minutes: Tom Kerr motioned to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes and it was seconded by Anita Zawada. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda

Announcements:

Noah shared that he had produced a letter to the Albany Township Board of Supervisors and Road Crew Supervisor regarding spraying herbicides along roads in the township. He had coordinated the letter with Chairperson Bracken Brown before it was sent forward to the recipients. The letter was a follow up step to our earlier EAC discussions on the topic. The letter is intended to bring everyone to a shared understanding of the mission and purpose of spraying, what herbicides are used, and how and where the herbicides are applied.

Discussion:

Noah is developing with Pennsylvania Bat Rescue a Spring 2026 community presentation. Date TBD.

The Stargazing event continues to be developed. Date TBD.

Tom led a discussion on Pollinator Meadows. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary has become a local benchmark for how such meadows can be created and managed. He would like the EAC to continue the discussion to determine how an initiative might be applied here in Albany Township.

The EAC will take on as an agenda item the topics of Data Centers and Water Supplies, as the forecast for water demand appears to be significant. The impact on Albany Township could be negative and we should advise accordingly.

For discussion at next meeting will be the present impact of the Duck Farm, its water demands, stream impacts, and why no riparian buffer has been started as agreed upon between the owner and the township authorities.

The Planning Commission shared with EAC a copy of the August 4, 2025 Proposed Solar Ordinance Outline/Questions.

The meeting concluded at 8:07 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Dale Derr.