

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday January 5, 2026 – 7:30 PM
Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman James Robertson and Secretary A. Zawada took the minutes of the proceedings.

Present:

Planning Commission Members:

J. Robertson, Chairman
D. Dietrich, Vice Chairman
A. Zawada, Secretary
P. Bauscher
B. Hamm

Also Present:

J. Body, Township Engineer

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ORGANIZATION

Nominations were taken for officers of the Planning Commission for the year 2026.

Nominations are as follows:

Chairman:	J. Robertson
Vice Chairman:	D. Dietrich
Secretary:	A. Zawada

After discussion, a motion to elect the nominees was made by B. Hamm and seconded by A. Zawada. The motion was unanimously carried and the following were elected as officers of the Albany Township Planning Commission for 2026:

Chairman:	J. Robertson
Vice Chairman:	D. Dietrich
Secretary:	A. Zawada

The members of the Albany Township Planning Commission for 2026 are: P. Bauscher, D. Dietrich, B. Hamm, J. Robertson and A. Zawada.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 1, 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 December 1, 2025, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Crist and Rebecca Lapp – Subdivision

K. Bensinger, surveyor for Crist and Rebecca Lapp, discussed with the planning Commission a possible three-lot subdivision. K. Bensinger presented a Final Plan in that regard.

Note: *At this point, Chairman Robertson excused himself and turned the meeting over to D. Dietrich, who acted as chairman.*

Robertson Subdivision

Hawk Mountain Road – Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation

After discussion, a motion to approve the Robertson subdivision lot line adjustment was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was carried to approve the Robertson Subdivision. J. Robertson abstained from voting.

Note: *After the Robertson Lot Line Adjustment discussion, D. Dietrich turned the meeting over to Chairman Robertson.*

Big Boy Farm – Daniel Block

No one was present at the meeting

Zoning Concerns – Solar Ordinance Discussion/Data Centers

N. Rauch, of the Environmental Advisory Council, discussed with the Planning Commission members various issues regarding data centers which could be considered for inclusion in a proposed township ordinance, such as water usage, building size, and noise levels.

NEW BUSINESS

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 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Anita Zawada, Secretary