

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday June 5, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Secretary's Report: Stephanie recorded the May minutes. Minutes were circulated by email and at meeting. One edit suggested by Randy, in first line of Public Program section. Minutes approved unanimously with the edit. Laurie edited.

Public Forum

Bird Walk on June 10th at Albany Park: Bracken announced we will hold a bird walk for residents on June 10th meeting at 8 am. We will see if Tom can do a flyer and send something on Facebook ahead of that. Laurie and Bracken will co-lead the walk.

Kempton Fair: Bracken and Tom will set up a table for EAC at the Fair Wednesday and take it down afterwards. Please stop by if you are there!

Current Activities

Township Video: Noah has not had time to work on the video but he pledged to put together a short video for review before the next meeting. Jeff S said his son can help with footage of sites if needed. Noah will reach out to him.

Social Media: We still need photographs of township to post. Noah said he would post photos of native plants and it was discussed we should have photo challenge to create an Albany Township banner photo. Put this on Facebook this month.

Duck Houses and animal carcass composting. Anita brought up the issue of composting animals at the one property, the smell it produced, and the proposed industrial scale duck houses on the same property. Discussion ensued of possible environmental issues, smell, water pollution to Pine Creek, etc. Bracken suggested the EAC begin research on the issue, threats, and other ordinance examples. Laurie suggested we touch base with DEP and PA land trust group for guidance. Laurie mentioned she had friend that is living near two big industrial houses (one chicken and one pig) and has issues at his house with the vibration created by the large fans from a mile away. She was not sure of size of these buildings. Daree Sicher dropped by and is leading

up a citizen's concern group about the CAFO and composting. She said she will send us some of the research she had collected.

Old Business

No mow area in Albany Park. Mowing is done, one area left unmowed. Thistle sprayed with team from Township and Hawk Mountain.

Bus Tour idea. Prior to Covid we had discussed having a bus tour of best land practices in township with Larry Lloyd and local landowners. The purpose is to promote similar efforts to other landowners. Rice, Zettlemyer, Schucker, possibly people with easements? We discussed renting a bus from Eds U Save for 15 -20 people. Need to investigate costs. Noah said he could call Eds to see what cost is and Laurie said she could contact Larry. It was mentioned perhaps this could occur in September.

Forest land-owner mailing: No new news since May meeting.

New Business

Next Meeting is July 3rd.

Adjourned 8:30 pm

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany EAC Secretary