

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday November 6, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Attending: Noah Rauch, Vice-Chair, Laurie Goodrich, Anita Zawada, Tom Kerr, Randy Hensinger. **Absent:** Bracken Brown.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were circulated by email and at meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

New Member Proposal: Randy circulated a bio for Dale Derr who is interested in serving on the EAC. The committee reviewed, voted approval, and recommended that Noah present suggestion to the Supervisors.

Current Activities

Township Tour: Laurie, Randy and Noah reported on the environmental tour held in October. It seemed successful with a small group attending and two farmers speaking extensively on practices. It went long so not all sites on list were visited. It was decided we should hold another tour in future to visit the other sites, such as streambank restoration, Bolichs meadow, Hawk Mountain forest restoration, etc. Laurie mentioned we might be able to get PGC to talk about Pine Swamp gamelands management. Van costs paid by Noah but he will ask township for reimbursement. Larry was a great help on tour and knows farmers very well.

Social Media: It was decided to set up a calendar and have each member be responsible for creating a post for a certain month. We can promote advisories on Albany website with post and link for instance. Noah will bring calendar to next meeting to get ball rolling. Noah and Bracken can make posts if we all create them. All encouraged to share posts on own pages.

Public Programs:

Water and stream quality in township . Noah contacted Stroud water Center for a program. David Bressler was in touch. Tom said he knows someone on the Board there and they are to help with monitoring plan. Could include or invite Trout Unlimited as well? Try to set something up for February or April/May?

Laurie set up a program in mid March on Fishers and Martens by PGC biologist Keller.

Native American history program discussed. Laurie and Noah reported the Lenape program for November 18th at Hawk Mountain. We can see if it is done well and invite for township.

Other topics might include bats? Farmland raptors—invite barn owl and kestrel program with boxes to share.

Discuss topics at next meeting and arrange tentative schedule. Also would be good to have another walk or two in park, birds or butterflies.

New Business

It was suggested we try to have joint meeting with Parks group early in 2024 to see how we can work together on park goals. Laurie mentioned to Steve H and he was receptive.

Adjourned at 8 pm to attend Planning Commission meeting on Burkholder.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany EAC Secretary