

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday May 4, 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.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2026, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Dietrich and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2026, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Bittner Subdivision – Red Road / Lynn Township

M. Madtes discussed with the Planning Commission the recommendations in J. Body's Review of the Bitner Subdivision dated April 27, 2026. A review from the Berks County Planning Commission is required before any plan approval is given.

Albright's Mill – New Building

Discussion with S. Bauman regarding the construction options for this proposed 80' x 150' ag building. Also discussed was J. Body's review letter to the Planning Commission and Supervisors regarding this project dated May 2, 2026.

Zoning Concerns: Solar ordinance discussion, data centers, Trexler Village Historic District

Solar Ordinance discussion, data centers and Trexler Village Historic District. J. Body distributed a Draft document entitled "Data Centers, Proposed Ordinance Provisions, Draft 5/04/26" for review by the Planning Commission.

J. Moriarity – Cell Tower

Discussion regarding a proposed cell tower on J. Moriarity's property. Also, discussion of topics to be presented by J. Robertson, Planning Commission Chairman, at the Conditional Use hearing scheduled for May 6, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Survey questionnaire, existing land use

J. Body, Township Engineer, attended a meeting regarding the Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan. Discussion regarding land use issues and development of survey questionnaire.

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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Anita Zawada, Secretary