

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Monday April 6, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order at 7:09 by Vice-Chairman Tom Kerr.

Present:

EAC Members:

Thomas Kerr, Vice-Chairman
Garrett Schorran, Secretary
Anita Zawada

Also Present: Guest Melissa Troyan

Absent:

Noah Rauch, Chairman
Barbara Jucker
Angela Wagner

Vice-Chair Tom Kerr ran the April meeting in Noah's absence.

A warm welcome to a new EAC guest Melissa Troyan! There is space on the EAC advisory committee and would be happy to have you serve!

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 2nd, 2026, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Garrett Schorran and seconded by Anita Zawada. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of March 2nd, 2026 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Recruitment:

- Tom spoke with Rick Neff, who indicated potential interest in joining EAC

Public Programs:

- Mountain lion presentation was a success, with over 40 participants
- July's program will be held on July 18th, a forest ecology and plant ID walk hosted by our fearless president Noah!
- Pollinator meadows program date is still undecided but is on the docket for this year
- All members are encouraged to look for other presenter or program ideas!

Social Media:

- No new updates (EAC membership promised not to take selfies at Noah's wedding reception and upload to the EAC Facebook page)

Ordinance Development:

- No new updates on Ordinance Development for April

NEW BUSINESS**Grants:**

- Noah submitted a grant application to the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund and Noah is actively working on following up with further questions. Membership will be notified with relevant updates or request acceptance

Microinternship w/ Kutztown University:

- No new news, however Tom Kerr went over the opportunity for a potential student to do work regarding stream studies.

Roadside Cleanup

- The Kempton Lions Club, with support from the EAC, successfully filled a rolloff dumpster and collected a large quantity of tires as well. Great success with 23 generous volunteers!

PA Birdtown

- Tom spoke with Hawk Mountain about becoming a designated 'PA Birdtown' organization, and are weighing the benefits of pursuing this designation in conjunction with Albany Township or having Albany Township pursue the designation as a separate entity.

Noah's Nuptials

- The most important April update is wishing Noah a wonderful wedding day! The EAC and Township at large is most fortunate for his upbeat and generous help with our organization, and we all wish you a wonderful marriage!

Joke of the Month!

- I failed to formally bring this up in April's meeting, so I am including a joke with a nod to the successful mountain lion presentation hosted by the EAC: Why don't cougars like playing poker in the jungle? Too many Cheetahs!

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Garrett Schorran and seconded by Tom Kerr. The motion was unanimously carried.

Humbly Submitted by Garrett Schorran, Secretary