

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday April 4, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes from March 7th reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Current Activities

March 29th Program: Thirty people attended the program by Game Commission. Advertising occurred on Facebook and via the email list that Tom maintains. Laurie will send a thank you note to PGC speakers. Bracken talked about stakes for non-mow areas at end of program.

Other Programs: April 16th is the township roadside clean-up, bring vests and gloves. Meet at 830 am. at the fire company.

May 10th: Bracken will present a program on American kestrels of Albany township. Tom can make a flyer and Bracken and Tom will work on promotion. Not sure if Sue R. will be able to attend.

Kempton Fair: Jeff S. and Bracken will work on setting up the display for June 16-18th. Laurie offered to fill in if needed.

Family Forest Carbon Program: We have scheduled the program for Sept 13th. It was decided to hold it at Fire Company, need to check if date is available. Hawk Mt reception cannot be same night as speaker thought she might need the whole time.

Hawk Mt reception: Hawk Mt would like to host a program for Albany residents to talk about land conservation practices at the Mountain and have Berks Nature present on new opportunities for funding for easements evolving from Kittatinny Landscape designation. It was decided to hold this in mid-November, on the 14th. We should decide at the next meeting on the date; it will be held at Visitor Center with refreshments.

Volunteer Group: Jeff reported that the Supervisors are checking on whether we have liability insurance to cover volunteers, then we can discuss further.

Albany Film: Noah reported he and Todd are working on organizing the film excerpts and identifying needs. Todd got footage of youth fishing day and Noah is working on an outline and will circulate it to EAC members for review.

Plant List: no progress to report.

New Business: Management plan for community park is in progress with the recreation group. Jeff passed out the map and materials and he will visit the recreation group tonight to see if they want help. Steve Hamm is meeting with Larry Lloyd to discuss plantings and Jeff said we can assist.

Noah said he can help with planting of trees and has friends who could help. Jeff said Steve suggested EAC could inventory plants along stream area and recommend what should be removed. Noah said he can walk through and evaluate. Bracken noted there is PA sedge in the wet areas, which is native. Natives will emerge in early May. Should we organize a field visit?

Weed Ordinance: Laurie mentioned we had previously discussed evaluating township weed ordinance to suggest updates. All agreed.

EAC adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

EAC Secretary