

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday August 1, 2022, 7:30 pm

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June reviewed and accepted unanimously. Bb and nr

Public Forum

Public Programs

Kempton Fair: There were no sign ups at table at fair, however hand-outs and materials were taken from the table. Bracken set up table and collected materials at the close of fair. Bracken said in future we should try to secure space with a solid wall so we can display maps more easily. Also our tri fold display is in need of repair. Jeff said he can work on repairing it.

Family forest carbon program is set for September 13th at Kempton Fire Company at 7 pm. Laurie will call speaker to follow up with her and then send around the bio and description. Tom should be able to do a flyer and Randy said he can get a sign up on 143. All should promote by circulating flyers.

Next program scheduled for November 15th at Hawk Mt. Visitor Center with a focus on Hawk Mountain forest management and easement, and hosting Berks Nature to discuss new opportunities for financial support for easements (grant funding for private landowners). Hawk Mountain will cover refreshments and invite Berks Nature staff.

Todd possibly to discuss our land management and treatment of invasives.

Current Activities

Virtual Albany Tour. It is taking time so , a short film is probably best first step, Noah suggested. He will have a draft or outline or both by next meeting.

Weed Ordinance. Tom mentioned that the Pennsylvania native plant society webpage has discussion and links to weed ordinance samples. One of the key points is what is a native plants vs weeds. Noxious weeds need to be defined in any document and we can use the state of PA definitions for noxious weed and non-native plants. Current Albany ordinance is pretty old but unclear if Supervisors would like us to revise it. Jeff suggested he can discuss this question with the Supervisors. We then discussed plant list and how to handle it. Noah said the current list is too long, so maybe we need to have a link for people to search. Todd also was thinking of a short list of suggested plants. Bracken suggested that Xerces has a list as well. IT was suggested that

we all look at PA native plant society webpage and DCNR page so we can discuss ordinance in future.

Albany Community Park

Steve Hamm met with EAC members at the Park in July. Todd Bauman and Chris Schucker from Supervisors attended as well. Steve gave a tour and we walked the trails. Todd is licensed so he is going to do the spraying of invasive thistle. EAC said they can be on standby to assist with pulling when needed. Paperwork on spray permit is still in process. Park appears to have a nice diversity of native plants. The trees that were planted are doing well as well. Anita reported several residents walk the trails every morning. Jeff and others commented on the hill having a wonderful view. We will see how EAC can assist the parks committee as they move ahead.

Next EAC meeting is Sept 12th, the day before our program due to the holiday the first Monday. We need to meet at 6:15 to set up chairs and AV. Noah and Bracken can do the AV set up Tuesday the 13th. Bracken will miss Monday the 12th meeting.

EAC adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

EAC Secretary