

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday May 6, 2024

7:30 - 8:39 pm

Attending: Bracken Brown, Chair; Noah Rauch, Dale Derr, Randy Hensinger, Anita Zawada, Laurie Goodrich, Tom Kerr.

Randy gave letter of resignation to Bracken and said he would stay in touch but is not able to attend meetings consistently.

Secretary's Report: Laurie distributed minutes from April by email and at meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Roadside cleanup: Tom reported the cleanup was a success with 20 people participating and focus on Stony Run Road and Old Phila. Pike and a small group focused on 143-78 interchange.

Programs:

Stroud Program- Noah reported he scheduled the Stroud program on water for June 18th at 7 pm. Bracken said he would price out the signs on line.

Bird Walk – May 21st at 8 am in Albany Park is the scheduled bird walk. Bracken asked Noah to come as well as Laurie. Tom will announce in community page.

Kempton Fair- Tom secured a table against the wall for EAC. Bracken or Tom will set the table up with materials and sign (Question—new display by students?)

Current activities:

No Mow—Bracken has stakes for landowners and needs to get them out.

Letter to Supervisors—Bracken circulated a draft letter to Supervisors for member comment and asked for any edits in next two weeks.

Social Media:

Photographs and information posts are welcome.

New Business:

Albany Tomorrow Fund at Berks Community Foundation- Dale suggested we think about possible proposals for the fund. Projects might be in \$5000 range.

Randy H noted Dale was nominated to Wrestling Hall of Fame. All congratulated Dale!

Other Programs for Spring or Fall:

- 1) Dale suggested a stormwater runoff program by Berks Planning Commission could be scheduled. Group suggested September 24th at 7 pm.
- 2) Laurie suggested a program on bats.
- 3) Dale mentioned freshwater jellyfish and he said he will reach out to fisheries biologists for possible program.
- 4) Bracken is going to contact USDA for possible Nat Res program for landowners be content for a program. Laurie mentioned he might contact Beth Sassaman, a volunteer at HMS, who has regional supervisory position.
- 5) Field tour of township? In fall, might include water sampling. Could be a work day instead to work in stream buffer or other area.

Old Business:

Area in no mow status at Park was unclear and group wondered if EAC could consult current map for 2024 with Parks committee. Tabled til next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:39 pm

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany Township EAC Secretary