

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company
2461 Route 143 Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday, July 7, 2025

Attending: Acting Chairperson Noah Rauch, Anita Zawada, Thomas Kerr, Garrett Schorran, and Dale Derr.

Minutes: Tom Kerr motioned to approve the June 2, 2025 minutes and it was seconded by Garrett Schooran. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda

Announcements:

New EAC member Garrett Schooran was enthusiastically introduced to his fellow members.

Discussion:

Noah reviewed the outcomes from the Kempton Fair outreach. No action items were established.

Naturalists and volunteers from Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and associated groups will be banding new Purple Martins who are being raised in the Purple Martin condos at the Albany Township Park. The event will take place at 9:00 AM on July 18.

Following discussion, the Stargazing event will be slipped until October 2025. Date TBD.

Following discussion, the Grassland Preservation lecture will be slipped until later in the year. Date TBD.

Noah shared that his documentation of the notes from the Solar Power Forum remains a work-in-progress. More will be available at the next meeting.

Based on discussion regarding the mowing and spraying of the roadsides in Albany Township, Noah will develop and release a Google Poll to gather inputs on the topic. This may lead to either a presentation and/or a forum.

Noah shared feedback from the recent Maiden Creek Watershed collaboration with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and the EAC. While lightly attended, the crosstalk between naturalists and volunteers was productive.

Noah will post more on Facebook regarding Native v. Non-native Plants prior to the next meeting.

Dale encouraged development of an invitation-to-speak to be sent to the chairpersons at the Biology and/or Environmental Studies departments at Kutztown University and Muhlenberg College. EAC members supported the notion. Dale will craft an invitation and share it with the EAC Chairperson for coordination and signature.

The meeting concluded at 7:59 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Dale Derr..