

# ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company  
2461 Route 143 Kempton, Pennsylvania

Monday, March 3, 2025

**Attending:** Anita Zawada, Noah Rauch, Thomas Kerr, Barbara Jucker, and Dale Derr.

**Chair:** Noah Rauch facilitated the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Noah Rauch motioned to approve the February 3, 2025 minutes and it was seconded by Tom Kerr. The minutes were approved unanimously. D

## Agenda

**Announcements:** There were no announcements.:

## Discussion:

- Noah Rauch led discussion on the March 12, 2025 presentation by Tom Keller of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. His presentation will be on the Eastern Coyote. Logistics for the evening were discussed.
- Barb Jucker shared that she had continued to coordinate with a speaker for a presentation on native and non-native plants, which could be used online at our Facebook page or at our in-person educational programs. Tom Kerr offered his support of using the *What's Happening in Kempton* Facebook posts to promote better community awareness, Plant expert Barbara Ritzheimer will make the presentation. Date and time TBD.
- Noah shared that our May 2025 educational program will dovetail with the Maiden Creek and Tulpehocken Creek watershed associations and their collaboration with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association. The event will take place on May 13, 2025, starting promptly at 4:30 PM by the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary camping area.
- Noah reported that he had updated the Facebook page, including adding new photos.
- Noah shared that he did not believe his available time could be enough to make a full length video, but he will continue to produce short videos for social media.
- Tom Kerr will again host Albany Township Cleanup Day. Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 AM was selected, as it is also the first day of the Pennsylvania Trout Fishing Season. EAC's hope is that we get fishermen and fisherwomen to voluntarily help cleanup our stream banks, in addition to our other volunteers throughout the township.

- Dale Derr shared a name for possible new EAC member. Tom Kerr was going to reach out to the person.
- Dale Derr will submit the grant proposal for the new EAC sign to the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund at the Berks County Community Foundation.

• Dale Derr led discussion on the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund (ATTF), hosted by the Hamm family through the Berks County Community Foundation. Several ideas for grant proposals shared, to include: signage for our EAC meetings and events, plantings to create or further develop riparian buffers along our water sources, and creating a source for honoraria for our guest speakers. Bracken Brown encouraged everyone to come to next meeting with developments and any other suggestions.

**Programs and Activities:**

The Eastern Coyote	Mar 12, 2025
Local Native vs Non-native Plants	TBD Apr 2025
Hawk Mountain Native Plants and Trees Sale	May 17, 10 AM - 3 PM May 18, 10 AM - 2 PM
Watershed Association Collaboration	May 13, 2025 4:30 PM
Kempton Fair Display	Jun 12 - 14
Topics in Development	
Astronomy	Regional Geology
Acquatics Biology	Herbaceous Riparian Buffers to Water Sources
Forestry	Bats
Invasive Loosestrife	Add presentation to Facebook page Re: 09.09.2024 EAC Minutes
Regional Natural History	Add presentation to Facebook page Re: 09.09.2024 EAC Minutes

The EAC meeting ended at 8:13 PM. The Planning Commission invited our members to join them in review of possible points to include in Solar Power ordinance development.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Dale Derr.