ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday September 14, 2026 – 7:30 PM

Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman James Robertson.

Present:

Planning Commission Members:

J. Robertson, Chairman
D. Dietrich, Vice Chairman
B. Hamm
A. Zawada, Secretary
P. Bauscher

Also Present:

J. Body, Township Engineer

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2026, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2026, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Bittner Subdivision – Red Road / Lynn Township

After discussion, a motion was made by A. Zawada, and seconded by B. Hamm to approve the Bittner Subdivision. The motion was unanimously carried, and the Bittner Subdivision was approved.

Zettlemoyer Poultry Barns

Discussion regarding construction of three poultry barns, plus a manure storage building and drainage facilities.

J. Moriarity – Cell Tower

Construction of a cell tower on his property
Conditional Use was granted by the Supervisors, and they will be submitting a Land Development Plan in the near future.

Zoning Concerns: Solar ordinance discussion, data centers, Trexler Village Historic District

Discussion regarding Data Centers. J. Body, Township Engineer, distributed to the Planning Commission members a document for their review entitled, Data Centers, Proposed Ordinance Provisions, Draft 9/14/26.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan
Survey questionnaire, community facilities, existing land use, demographics, housing, economics.
J. Body, Township Engineer, informed the Planning Commission that the Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee held a meeting last week and is currently looking at community facilities and services.

NEW BUSINESS

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Visitors Center
The development, design and site plan for the proposed Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Visitor Center was presented and discussed with the Planning Commission.

Note:
A motion was then proposed to add Frank and Sebastian Stelmach to the Agenda.
A motion was made by B. Hamm, seconded by P. Bauscher, and unanimously carried, and Frank and Sebastian Stelmach were added to the Agenda.

Frank and Sebastian Stelmach
Subdivision Plan
The Stelmach's presented a Subdivision Plan to the Planning Commission for review.
After discussion, a motion was made by D. Dietrich, seconded by P. Bauscher and unanimously carried to accept the Stelmach Subdivision Plan for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by A. Zawada. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Anita Zawada, Secretary