

# ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

**Kempton Fire Company Social Hall**

**2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania**

**Tuesday February 6, 2023**

**7:30 - 8:30 pm**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for January 2023 circulated by email. Minutes approved unanimously.

### ***Public Forum***

#### **Current Activities**

**Native plant conservation series.** Noah finished and circulated final native plant advisory series by email and Tom Kerr helped put it into final format matching the first conservation series publication. The EAC voted to present the native plant information to Supervisors for consideration at meeting tonight to be added to the website. Jeff and Noah took the proposed list to Supervisors meeting after the EAC meeting.

**Nesting Grassland birds on Albany Park:** Noah, Bracken and Laurie met and created a map of a proposed no-mow area that would not impinge on Fair parking and a one-page overview of the proposal. The proposal is to delay mowing until late summer or fall on the one part. (See attached map with description). The map was presented to the Parks and Recreation committee for their consideration after the EAC meeting. The Parks committee said this proposal aligned with their own discussions, so they supported that it be presented to the Supervisors. Laurie suggested this be presented at the next Supervisors meeting. It was suggested that Bracken speak to his brother about his receptivity to this proposal before we bring to Supervisors. Laurie suggested the EAC members could do a nature walk on the site for plants and birds for Albany residents.

**Township Video:** Noah said he will continue to work on the video now that native plant series is done. We discussed possible short snippets that could be shared on social media.

#### **Public Programs**

Committee reviewed programs for 2023 and Randy confirmed that Dr. Simpson will be speaking on the Geological History of Albany Township on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Tom will prepare a flyer and circulate and verify the building is available. Randy will prepare a sign. Noah can help with audiovisual that night, group should plan on being at fire company by 615 pm to set up on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Noah will present on forest management and invasive plant management on May 2nd. Bracken had noted we have the fair in June, and we should discuss if we do a nature walk in the park in June as well.

We need to confirm with Bracken on the September or October programs on ticks and lead.

### **Old Business**

Forest land-owner mailing: Tom contacted Family Carbon program to see if they would pay for a mailing within the township but has not heard back.

Social media update: not much posted lately. Laurie suggested people send photos to post as we need to have greater presence. With the new conservation series, we should post about that and link.

### **New Business**

Jeff Schucker stated that he needed to resign from the committee and his chair position on EAC due to personal and professional obligations. We discussed briefly who would succeed him and all decided to wait and see if Bracken, current co-Chair, would be able to fill in. Bracken is currently traveling and will be at March Meeting. Jeff said he would be presenting his resignation letter tonight to the Supervisors. Everyone thanked him for his service and hoped to see him at upcoming events.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany EAC Secretary