

**Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission
March 13, 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. in the Kempton Fire Company social hall, Kempton, Pa.

The following members were present:

P. Bauscher	J. Robertson
D. Dietrich	A. Zawada
B. Hamm	

J. Body, Township Engineer, was also present

The meeting was called to order by J. Robertson, chairman, and A. Zawada, secretary, took the minutes of the proceedings.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2023, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Dietrich and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2023, were approved.

Joint Comprehensive Plan

Chairman, J. Robertson and Township Engineer, J. Body, informed the Commission about the meeting they attended, along with supervisors C. Schucker and C. Volk, regarding the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan. There was a presentation by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) on the components of a comprehensive plan, northeastern Berks statistics, and the possible matching 50% grant from DCED for this joint comprehensive plan preparation. The County planners presented various cost breakdown scenarios for paying for the comprehensive plan by the municipalities involved. There will be another meeting on this topic in May.

Grid Scale Solar

A brief discussion on grid scale solar farms. J. Body and the Commission discussed solar farms in general and, specifically, the 500 acre solar farm being constructed in Richmond Township.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by A. Zawada and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.