

**Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission  
January 3, 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Tuesday, January 3, 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.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2022, were distributed to the members for their review and comment. After discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by B. Hamm and seconded by D. Dietrich. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2022, were approved.

**Organization**

Election of Officers

Nominations were taken for officers of the Planning commission for the year 2023.

Nominations are as follows:

Chairman	- J. Robertson
Vice Chairman	- D. Dietrich
Secretary	- A. Zawada

After discussion, a motion to elect the nominees was made by B. Hamm and seconded by A. Zawada. The motion was unanimously carried and the following were elected as officers of the Albany Township Planning Commission for 2023:

Chairman	- J. Robertson
Vice Chairman	- D. Dietrich
Secretary	- A. Zawada

The members of the Albany Township Planning Commission for 2023 are: P. Bauscher, D. Dietrich, B. Hamm, J. Robertson and A. Zawada.

**Frank and Sebastian Stelmach – Kunkel Road  
Farm and Natural Features Review**

Proposed house and attached garage - 105 acre farm property on south side of Kunkel Road and west side of Route 143. After discussion a motion was made by D. Dietrich, seconded by P. Bauscher and unanimously carried to approve the Farm Review of Frank and Sebastian Stelmach subject to the conditions in J. Body's Farm and Natural Features Review dated January 3, 2023. (Document No. 1)

### **Public Comment**

Discussion regarding K. Rabert's 0.64 acre tract on Mountain Rd, which was included in the Albany Agricultural Security area during the December planning commission meeting.

L. Shrawder informed the commission that some Albany Township land owners are being approached by solar farm developers and asked if our ordinance covers the topic of solar farm development adequately.

R. Hensinger submitted a document to Chairman Robertson for distribution to commission members concerning solar farms entitled, "Conservation Considerations for Siting, Planning and Maintaining Grid-Scale Solar Systems in PA". Chairman Robertson will distribute this at the February meeting.

Discussion regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan – J. Robertson talked to Bob Weller, the new chairman of the Kutztown Planning Commission, and was informed that the Berks County Planning Commission is giving an informational/educational presentation on February 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Kutztown Middle School.

R. Hensinger submitted a document entitled "Contested Planning Commission Minutes", dated January 3, 2023. The document lists items he is contesting as not being adequately addressed in previous Planning Commission minutes.

### **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 8:45 P.M.