

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

Tuesday April 3, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes for February 2023 circulated by email and at meeting. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Current Activities

Nesting Grassland birds on Albany Park: The Supervisors and Park Committee wish to wait until May to assess if mowing might be needed to control non-native plants, rather than spot spraying. We will need to wait to see what they think at that point. Possible follow-up at next meeting.

Township Video: Noah has not had time to work on the video but has some short clips planned and hopes to share in near future.

Facebook EAC page activity was discussed and Stephanie and Noah agreed to help increase the number of posts with photos from around the township. Stephanie gave Noah access to the account. The idea of trying to get fun and scenic photos from the township discussed.

Public Programs

Program on Geology was well received with at least 40 people attending.

Noah will be presenting in May on forest management and native plants. Please show up around 6:15 pm to set up.

In June we will have a table at the Kempton Fair and try to get located against a wall so we can show the maps.

Other program possibilities were discussed. Randy suggested a program on water resources or water table. It was suggested we talk to Stroud Water Center or Delaware River Basin Commission. Randy also suggested we get someone from Rodale to talk about organic farming. Everyone liked these ideas. Laurie suggested black bear talk by PGC. Bracken said he has been talking to Mike Rowley about speaking on the tick research they are doing in Stroudsburg. The lead shot talk sounds like it will not happen as person will not be in area this summer. We need

EAC members to make contact to see about programs to get things lined up. For each of these we need to investigate who would give the talk and pick dates (not June or July).

Old Business

Forest land-owner mailing: Tom reported some progress on this topic. The Forest Carbon group is likely to pay for the mailing to landowners. We discussed that we have a database of landowners owning more than 50 acres, and Bracken said he would find it and send to Tom. Tom suggested they seemed ready to mail to all owners.

New Business

EAC Members: Bracken will present the list of current EAC members for 2023 to Supervisors. He will discuss how we proceed with suggested new names for committee.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany EAC Secretary