

Minutes of the Albany Township Planning Commission

December 2, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Albany Township Planning Commission held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Kempton Fire Company social hall, Kempton, PA.

The following members were present:

P. Bauscher

D. Dietrich

B. Hamm

J. Robertson

A. Zawada

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 November 4, 2024, 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 November 4, 2024, were approved.

Marie Lutz – Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation

M. Madtes, surveyor, discussed with the Planning Commission a lot line adjustment/annexation on the Kirk Road property of Marie Lutz.

UMI Industries – Drainage Plan

After review and discussion concerning the drainage plan, a motion was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm to approve the UMI Industries drainage plan and proposed building. The motion was unanimously carried, and the drainage plan and proposed building of UMI Industries was approved.

Caitlyn Horst, Lovers Lane Driveway

J. Body discussed with the Planning Commission proposed driveway changes to the property of Caitlyn Horst. No action taken.

Scholl Orchards – Building Addition

Discussion with J. Body regarding possible building addition to the existing barn at Scholl Orchards. No action taken.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan (NBJCP) Status

J. Body informed the Planning Commission members that there was no new information available on the status of the joint comprehensive plan.

Zoning Concerns - Grid Scale Solar Farms Discussion

Discussion regarding the creation of an Albany Township solar energy ordinance and/or zoning amendment.

After discussion, a motion was made by A. Zawada, seconded by D. Dietrich, and unanimously carried, to recommend to the supervisors that they undertake the creation of a solar energy ordinance and/or zoning amendment for the Township, and that they retain the services of J. Body, Township Engineer, J. Davis, Esq., and assistance from the Environmental Advisory Council.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Bauscher and seconded by B. Hamm. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.