

ALBANY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Kempton Fire Company Social Hall

2461 Route 143, Kempton, Pennsylvania

October 2, 2023

7:30 - 8:00 pm

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

Secretary's Report: September minutes were circulated by email and at meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

Steph has officially resigned from EAC.

Burkholder Duck Farm: Bracken would like to send official letter from the EAC to Supervisors outlining environmental concerns. He mentioned there are two chicken barns being built near Leaser Lake now. Please send list of your suggested issues to bring up by November meeting. Continued discussion tonight at Planning Commission meeting.

Township Environmental Tour: The tour is set for Sunday October 8th at 1 pm. Larry Lloyd will be there to lead and Noah has reserved two 15 passenger vans. People are to call Bracken to sign up, meeting at Fire Company. Discussion of order of stops ensued and parking issue if we get more than vans can hold. Laurie and Bracken will help Noah pick up vans. Stops include: Bad Farm, Zettlemoyers, and possibly Bolichs, Albright's property, Pine Creek restoration, Community center tree planting buffer, Hawk Mountain forest recovery sites. Currently Laurie, Noah, Bracken will help drive and lead.

Current Activities

Public Programs

Tom reported the family forest mailing to landowners of a certain acreage was sent.

Christmas party in December at usual meeting time so no other talks to be held this fall.

Laurie has set up a PA Game Commission talk on pine marten for March 12 by Thomas Keller. We still need to line up speakers for next spring and winter, send ideas to Bracken.

Native American or local history talk. Bracken suggested we look into partnering with historical society for this. Randy is investigating. Hawk Mt speaker is mid November from Lenape museum.

Laurie had been in touch with someone from Delaware River Basin Commission awhile back but it was discussed we should see about getting Stroud here and Trout Unlimited perhaps. Noah

said he has Stroud contact name he can get. Focus of talk on stream quality locally and how to improve and monitor. Mention of Kunkels Dahl Road buffer.

New Business

Laurie mentioned it appears the warehouse in Krumsville is going ahead and there can be significant impact on roads or community along 737. We should find out more information. Three are planned along 737 we are told.

Bracken mentioned WeConservePA has a bunch of good talks on warehouses, solar, etc. Easy to see them on the website.

Committee adjourned 815 pm to attend Planning Commission meeting/discussion of Burkholders.

Submitted by,

Laurie Goodrich

Albany EAC Secretary