



# New Britain Township

## Environmental Advisory Council

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Kathleen Dutill, Member	
Jaime Walker, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – November 6, 2024

**Attended:** K. Davis, M. Briggs, J. Walker, C. Weston-Young, D. Fox

**Regrets:** K. Dutill, M. McCabe

Meeting was called to order by K. Davis @ 7:00 pm.

**Discussion:**

- Approval of Minutes – M. Briggs motioned and C. Weston-Young seconded a motion to approve the October 2, 2024 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Weston-Young and M. Briggs reported on the sessions they attended at the EAC Network Conference held in Ambler, PA on October 5, 2024.
- K. Davis provided an overview of the EAC proposal for demonstration pollinator garden to be planted in North Branch Park. Because the beginning stage of the project needs to begin soon (covering the area with cardboard before winter), Dan Fox needs a final proposal to send to the NBT Board of Supervisors (BOS), no later than Nov 13. During discussion, it was noted turf management sprays would need to be identified to ensure we are not killing the pollinators. L. Jones identified a potential source for a sign grant. Mulch will need to be purchased or picked up (free) from neighboring municipalities (5 or less yards). The EAC can also look into the possibility of a leaf mulch donation from Shelly's. The Neshaminy Watershed Association (NWA) offered donation of a rain barrel. All plants will be donated. The proposal was discussed with a budget \$250 for miscellaneous costs and was motioned to send to the BOS by J. Walker, seconded by C. Weston-Young. Motion passed unanimously.
- Revival of Pine Run tree planting (proposed in Giant grant application, the EAC was not awarded) – K. Davis briefly discussed the NBT open space map with regard to "shovel ready" basin locations. The previous area identified for the Giant grant application was noted as shovel ready. The area will be planted on Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am -1 pm, with volunteers. K. Jones (NWA) will walk the basin with Ryan Cressman (NBT) and K. Davis prior to the planting.
- New Grant Possibility to consider: "Protect your Drinking Water Program", \$2500-10000 from Aqua. <https://pennsylvaniaenvironmentalcouncil.submittable.com/submit> [scroll down to "Protect your Drinking Water Grant Program"]. Establish committee to locate project



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- (application due in January). Potential locations for rain garden. Resident attendees L. Jones, S. Biak, and K. Jones (NWA) volunteered to form a committee, to identify potential projects.
- K. Davis asked EAC members to consider identification of a weekend for a spring 2025 EAC event. The potential for the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> was noted and could be used as a community introduction of the pollinator garden in North Branch Park.
  - Informational items
    - Coleman property tree planting –Saturday, Nov. 16 (9-11:30 am) and Sunday, Nov. 17 (1:30-4:30).
    - Pine Run trail planting – Wed., Nov. 20. 10 am -1 pm.
  - Public comment on non-agenda items
  - Open space survey results – will be distributed to EAC members for discussion at next EAC meeting. The 2008 NBT open space plan revision is being coordinated with David Kimmerly from the Bucks County Planning Commission, based on results of the open space survey.
  - 2025 meetings – D. Fox will ask BOS to continue first Wednesday of month meeting for the EAC. It was noted, if first Wednesday is selected by the BOS, January 1 (New Year's Day) and Oct 1 (Yom Kippur) occur on those dates. The BOS will need to be consulted if alternate dates are selected. (D. Fox to advise on a potential open date for January meeting).
  - Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walker, seconded by C. Weston-Young. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm** at the New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, Pa. Agenda is posted to the Township website prior to the meeting date at [www.newbritaintownship.org](http://www.newbritaintownship.org).*