



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Kathleen Davis, Chair	MaryBeth McCabe, NBT Supervisor
Mary Margaret Briggs, Secretary	Dan Fox, NBT
Kathleen Dutill, Member	Craig Kennard, Township Engineer
Lucy Jones, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – March 5, 2025

Attended: K. Davis, M. Briggs, C. Weston-Young, K. Dutill, L. Jones, D. Fox, M. McCabe

Regrets:

Meeting was called to order by K. Davis @ 7:01 pm.

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes – L. Jones motioned and C. Weston-Young seconded a motion to approve the February 5, 2025 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- Election of Vice-Chair – L. Jones nominated C. Weston-Young; M. Briggs seconded the nomination. The EAC unanimously voted C. Weston-Young as Vice-Chair.
- Status of Projects
 - The Bowman's grant for Pollinator Demonstration Garden was submitted; awaiting decision by Bowman's.
 - Possible submission of a grant to Bucks Beautiful for Township Building front bank planting - The practicality of using funds and volunteer time for perennial planting was discussed, as the township may be remodeling the front of the building.
 - A-Day — April 25, 26, 27. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. The EAC will have a booth for all three days.
 - Easter Egg hunt (April 12) – The EAC will have a table at the township's Easter egg hunt/ bunny event. Information on EAC initiatives will be provided.
 - Rain Barrel workshop – The EAC will hold a rain barrel workshop on May 3; signup sheet will be put on township website in April. M. Briggs volunteered to bring her power washer to the event, to clean barrels. K. Davis will give flyer for website publication, to D. Fox.
 - An announcement regarding the "Lights Off" initiative during the upcoming bird migration (April 1 to May 31) will be put on the township website. M. Briggs to send announcement to D. Fox/ A. Mullin.
 - Logo – exploring options for printing logo banner/tablecloth. It was suggested if there is a profit on rain barrels, proceeds could fund banner printing costs.
- The EAC discussed comments and recommendations recently made by EAC members, during its second* review of the Township Ordinance amendments (SALDO and Zoning revisions).



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*It is relevant to note, in 2024, the EAC reviewed and discussed a previous draft of the ordinance revisions and sent the council's recommendations to the NBT BOS in 2024.

Additional edits to the ordinance revisions have been made, therefore the EAC was given another opportunity to review the ordinances, whilst they are also being reviewed by the NBT Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission.

C. Kennard clarified many of the comments/questions made during this review, by EAC members.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by M. Briggs and seconded by L. Jones, to forward all unresolved EAC member comments to BOS. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was further noted, when the ordinances are published for public comment (spring 2025), both EAC members and public EAC meeting attendees could offer additional comments, as individual taxpayers/residents, directly to the BOS.

- Other Business - It was noted there will be an interesting talk by entomologist, Doug Tallamy, hosted by Delaware Valley University on April 2 at 6 pm, unfortunately on the same date as the next EAC meeting. Dr. Tallamy is the author of several books, including his latest New York Times bestseller, *"Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard."* Although several EAC members were interested in attending the Tallamy talk, it was decided the EAC meeting will continue on April 2, at 7 pm, as planned, due to the busy April/May event schedule for the EAC.
- Public comment on non-agenda items -
 - It was noted a resident was concerned about piles of road salt, being dumped in the streets this winter; D. Fox noted that unfortunately, sometimes this happens, as the trucks start and stop.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made By C. Weston-Young, seconded by K Dutill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, April 2, 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.*