



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Kathleen Davis, Chair	MaryBeth McCabe, NBT Supervisor
Mary Margaret Briggs, Secretary	A. Mullin, NBT
Kathleen Dutill, Member	
Lucy Jones, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – April 2, 2025

Attended: K. Davis, M. Briggs, K. Dutill, L. Jones, A. Mullin

Regrets: C. Weston-Young, M. McCabe

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

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes – motioned and seconded a motion to approve the March 5, 2025 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- K. Davis reported regarding the submission of an expanded native tree and plant list for ordinance updates. The list was put in an appendix format, to facilitate ease of future ordinance updates by reducing repetitive information within the text of SALDO and zoning ordinances.
- M. Briggs reported regarding the posting of spring Lights Out Recommendation. The best types of light fixtures (shielded to point downwards and motion activated) and the timing of bird migrations were discussed (April 1-May 31).
- Status of Garden Projects - reported by K. Davis
 - The Bowman's grant for Pollinator Demonstration Garden was approved and plants will be picked up April 11. Additional plants will be provided by community volunteers.
 - Suspension of plans for perennial garden on the front bank of township building. The project will be on hold, due to potential for building modifications in the front of the building.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny table - K. Davis, M. Briggs, and L. Jones will set up a table with EAC information, at the NBT Egg Hunt.
- A-Day preparations — April 25, 26, 27. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. The EAC will have a booth at A-Day for all three days. We will borrow an EnviroScape demonstration table from Bucks County Conservation District. We will also have Dark Sky info (portrait-oriented plastic holders will be borrowed from NBT offices, and M. Briggs will provide landscape-oriented plastic holders). There will be a rain barrel raffle (winner will be invited to come watch the May 3 demonstration). EAC rack cards and EAC banners are being printed and generously provided by Kathy Keller, as well as an antique truck to grab attention at our display.



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- Rain barrel workshop preparations; sign up will be on website (to go live on April 14). The workshop will be held at township building on May 3. We will need to know the size of participants' downspouts. (2x3 or 3x4)
- Preliminary plan for Barry Rd. Subdivision - 90 day for review was waived by the developer. K. Davis to request additional information regarding proposed stormwater drainage system plans as well as the responsibility of maintenance. M. Briggs suggested the EAC members watch the NBT Planning Commission meeting held on March 25, 2025 (YouTube NBT video), to also glean additional details on the SALDO plan.
- Other Business -
 - EAC website - to go live this month.
 - M. Briggs noted an administrative correction was required on the March 5, 2025 minutes and the correction was made during the meeting, for the print copy of the minutes (D. Fox attended, not A. Mullin).
- Public comment on non-agenda items - C. Colburn suggested the EAC request clarification re: the Barry Rd. plan and the riparian area within the plan. He also requested the maintenance of the stormwater system be clarified.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Briggs, seconded by K. Dutil. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, May 7, 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.*