



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

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

Minutes – August 6th, 2025

Attended: K. Davis, M. Briggs, K. Dutill, C. Weston-Young, L. Jones, A. Mullin

Regrets:

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

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes – C. Weston-Young motioned, and K. Dutill seconded a motion to approve the June 4, 2025, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- Report: Board of Supervisor's July meeting
 - SALDO and Zoning Ordinances
 - C. Weston-Young discussed that the Board of Supervisors passed 2025-01 and 2025-04 SALDO and Zoning Ordinances at their July 21st meeting. The Board of Supervisors also passed the Responsible Contractors Ordinance. The Township added a new police officer and promoted an officer to Sergeant. The Board also voted in favor of re-zoning of a piece of property at Peace Valley.
 - EAC Ordinance and open space
 - C. Weston-Young said that the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to advertise the EAC ordinance. M. Briggs commented that the current ordinance is being advertised and is in draft form.
- Announcements -
 - K. Davis discussed the importance of this budget and the need to provide accurate accounting to the Township so that the EAC can maintain its projects. The EAC is allowed to request additional funding through the Township.
 - The EAC would like to do a rain barrel workshop for 2026, the workshop will be more expensive due to the lack of grant from the Neshaminy Watershed. The diverters kits are more expensive due to tariffs. The new pricing will be \$26 +shipping for the kits. The EAC would need to order the kits through Kathleen Connolly – extension coordinator for Penn State for Bucks County. A box of 20 kits with shipping will be \$536.77.
 - K. Davis would like to discuss with the Township whether Public Works would be able to assist with this event and pick up the barrels.



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- A motion to purchase the kits was made by M. Briggs, seconded by L. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding tariffs having increased the pricing of the signage, up to \$600 each. They are graffiti proof but do not come with a post. Sign postage will require permission from Township to put up the sign and specify location
- A motion to write a proposal for the signage was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by L. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding other expenditures the EAC may come across in 2026. There were suggestions for fencing and a gate around the pollinator garden.
- A discussion ensued regarding expansion of the garden. M. McCabe suggested for the EAC to ask the Township to purchase a fence, so that it would match the rest of the park.
- A discussion ensued regarding potentially applying for the Bucks Beautiful grant in the hopes of using that funding to expand the garden. This is a matching grant and would include volunteer labor.
- A discussion ensued regarding future EAC meetings/seminars and registration for tables at outside events - \$100
- A discussion ensued regarding obtaining funds to use towards a Fall Festival 2026 raffle basket - \$50
- Mary Margaret motion to draft budget proposal – seconded by Kathleen Davis – all in favor – motion passes
- A motion to write an EAC 2026 Budget proposal was made by M. Briggs, seconded by K. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Township apply for a matching grant for a PW/Parks & Recreation project. Grants include labor and equipment.
 - Ex: entrance to NGT on Upper State Road – open space near creek – extend and repair the riparian buffer/tree planting and potentially create a rain garden.
- A discussion ensued regarding having the EAC write a recommendation for the Township to apply for specific grants – match \$5,000 (includes staff labor/equipment and future maintenance)
- M. McCabe suggested writing proposals for each grant idea and presenting each to the Board of Supervisors.
- A motion to write a proposal for a grant project, Coleman property riparian work, was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by M. Briggs. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding the need for volunteers to be able to discuss and provide info at the pollinator garden during fall festival with event attendees.
- A discussion ensued regarding the needed/wanted materials and displays for the upcoming Fall festival. The EAC would like to have signage talking about the upcoming rain barrel



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workshop in spring 2026. They also discussed activities for children like microscopes that they may be able to borrow from Peace Valley Nature Center.

- A discussion ensued regarding the need for day-of supplies such as a tent, table, and chairs. The EAC would like to ask the Township to be placed as close to the pollinator garden as possible during Fall Fest.
- Scheduling a fall walkabout of Township Open Space
 - This item was tabled until next meeting.
- Public comment on non-agenda items
 - John Diehl- "West Branch Forest" - expressed concerns regarding the removal of trees within the property near his residence, over the years and his current frustrations with PennDOT. He did also express gratitude for the Township working to address his concerns. A. Mullin stated that the Public Works Superintendent, Ryan Cressman, walked the area and did not see any active clearing, however, the Township did reach out to PennDOT, as it's their property. M. McCabe suggested contacting Brian Munroe's office, explain the situation and ask that Penn DOT to post signs regarding ownership of the property. M. Briggs recommended including notifying Chalfont Boro as well.
 - Anna Edling suggested advertising the gardens to receive more attention and M. Briggs stated that she wrote an article that the EAC would like to have posted on the website and Facebook page.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Dutil.
 - I. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, September 3, 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.*