



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 – May 7, 2025

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

Regrets: M. McCabe

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

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes – M. Briggs motioned and K. Dutill seconded a motion to approve the April 2, 2025 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
 - Announcements - K. Davis
 - The EAC manned a table at A-Day for 3 days and we raffled off a rain barrel. Funds were raised with the raffle.
 - Rain barrel event on May 3 was successful and funds were raised with the event.
 - Open space survey was published - it was noted the public overwhelmingly wants to conserve open space. Talk to your friends, neighbors, if anyone wants to conserve their open space.
- Introduction of speaker: Mike Coleman, resident, farmer (Coleman Hay Farms, owns Walter Rd and also farm on Cedar Hill Rd). Mr. Coleman also rents farmland, at risk for development. Mike is an enthusiastic proponent of conservation of open space in New Britain Township.

The advantages of conserving parcels for farming were discussed by Mr. Coleman. He also noted the advantages of Act 319 for parcels greater than 10 acres. Mr. Coleman also noted Bedminster township and New Hope/Solebury has prioritized conservation of parcels in those communities. He also spoke favorably regarding Bedminster township's proactive approach to preserving farmland, and suggested a meeting with the Bedminster Township manager could be useful, for gathering more information on their approach.

- After a robust discussion, L. Jones motioned and C. Weston-Young seconded a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), a summary of the discussion and potential next steps for preserving New Britain Township open space. The EAC voted unanimously to send its recommendation to the BOS. A draft of the recommendation is attached.



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- Scheduling of pollinator garden planting - K. Davis will follow-up with volunteers via email, regarding potential dates for planting. Use of survey monkey was also recommended as a tool to identify a date convenient for most volunteers.
- Preliminary Plan for Barry Rd. Subdivision - a recommendation regarding environmental issues identified by the EAC (April EAC meeting & review of Planning Commission meeting) will be drafted and circulated to EAC members prior to the next meeting on June 4th. The final recommendation will be discussed at the June 4th EAC meeting.
- Other Business - consider canceling July meeting; will discuss at June 4th EAC meeting.
- Public comment on non-agenda items - Deb Rendon, noted some neighbors has noted salt application this winter has been excessive, which large piles of salt being left on some roads.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Dutill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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, June 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.*