



# New Britain Township

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## *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 – June 4, 2025

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

**Regrets:**

Meeting was called to order by K. Davis @ 7:07 pm.

**Discussion:**

- Approval of Minutes – C. Weston-Young motioned and K. Dutill seconded a motion to approve the May 7, 2025 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- Announcements -
  - Planting of pollinator garden - K. Davis thanked the many volunteers & New Britain Township (NBT) residents who helped make the North Branch Park pollinator garden a reality. The project began in the fall with a design and preparation of the site. Many folks supplied their time, muscles, materials (such as mulch and plants) in order to complete the project. Many thanks to:
    - Lucy Jones for suggesting that we plant a demonstration garden, for writing a grant proposal to the National Women's Farm and Garden Association (NWF&G) to raise funds for a sign, for co-writing the Bowman's Hill grant proposal for 100 plants, contributing fencing materials, and for garden planning, preparation and planting;
    - Anna Edling for designing the garden, contributing plants, for her beautiful painting of the water barrel, supporting the NWF&G proposal, garden planning, preparation and planting, and ingenious signage;
    - Carol Weston-Young for supporting the NWF&G proposal, and garden planning, preparation and planting;
    - Chester Colburn for garden planning, preparation and planting, and for helping to haul the garden's attractive accent log;
    - Sarah Benz for garden planning and planting;
    - Gerri Reuter for planting;
    - Jody Nachman for planting;
    - Margaret Briggs for help with planting and plant contributions;
    - MaryBeth McCabe for help with planning and preparation;
    - Bill May for depositing mulch and for continual refill of the water barrel.



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- Report: Planning Commission meeting - C. Weston-Young attended the May 27th NBT Planning Commission meeting. She reviewed a request made to rezone a parcel on the north side of Lake Galena (near Chapman Road) from the Watershed District to the Conservation and Recreation District, in order allow to support activities in the park. Carol also noted the car wash on Butler was due to be discussed at the June 24, 2025 PC meeting.
- Open Space Update - Marybeth McCabe spoke to the NBT Board of Supervisors regarding revision of the EAC ordinance, to include language related to land preservation duties.
- Preliminary Plan for Barry Rd. Subdivision – Environmental concerns in the Barry Rd subdivision were identified by the EAC. M. McCabe also noted she had a discussion with the township engineer regarding the proposed tree removals on the property. A recommendation for the NBT BOS was drafted and circulated to EAC members, prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The recommendations were discussed at length, a revision was made, and the recommendations were finalized during the meeting. A motion was made by M. Briggs, and seconded by L. Jones to accept the amended recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. (Recommendation attached).
- Preliminary budget planning for the 2026 calendar year was discussed. M. McCabe noted that the township begins budget planning in June, therefore the EAC should be prepared to draft a 2026 budget at the next meeting.
- Fall activities planning was discussed [fall festival; workshops; fall tree plantings; raffle; rain barrel demonstration]. It was noted the township's Fall Festival will be on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. M. McCabe volunteered to donate a gift basket for the Fall Festival. C. Weston-Young noted a potential activity for the EAC in the fall or spring could be an evaluation of existing township open spaces. M. Briggs suggested the activity should take place in fall, after the first hard frost or early in the spring before excessive growth begins. Ticks tend to be out in the meadows in late spring and summer, while mosquitoes are prevalent around the creek areas during the same period (e.g. by Pine Run Creek).
- Cancellation of July meeting. A motion was made by M. Briggs, and seconded by C. Weston-Young to cancel the July EAC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- Public comment on non-agenda items -
  - John Deal of Oxbow Ridge thanked the EAC for its efforts in protecting township open space. He noted people had been cutting down trees in an area near Oxbox Ridge, he believes belongs to the township. M. McCabe suggested he contact the township manager, D. Fox, and request a service request by the township, to evaluate the matter further.
  - A \$5000 grant opportunity through Bucks County Conservation District was noted regarding stormwater management. The deadline for application is June 15 and the grant requires a 50/50 match by the township.
  - Workshops as future EAC sponsored activities were suggested, on topics such as stormwater management and its impact on the aquifer, as well as education on native trees and plants.



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- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Dutill. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen Davis", written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, August 6, 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).*