



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 – September 3rd, 2025

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

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 August 6th, 2025, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- Budget – Finalize
 - A discussion ensued regarding finalizing the budget that the EAC will need to turn into the Township for 2026. The projects the EAC is considering are as follows:
 - i. A small grant with prior permission from the Township to expand pollinator garden and have split rail fencing
 - ii. Rain Barrel Workshop
 - iii. Apply for a Larger Grant for a Basin Naturalization Project
 - iv. Educational Resident Workshop
 - v. Native Plant Workshop
 - vi. Mosquito Bucket Workshop
 - vii. Tree Planting Budget
 - A motion to revise the budget that was originally submitted to include the annual interpretive signage was made by K. Davis, seconded by L. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding the sign cost for the pollinator garden. The original sign was \$723. Members of the EAC were able to find a pre-designed signage option for \$210. A motion to purchase the pre-designed signs was made by M. Briggs, seconded by C. Weston-Young. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding final preparations for the upcoming Fall Festival. Members of the EAC will be providing tents, tables, and chairs on the day of the event. Whoever is manning the tent will be sending visitors down to the pollinator garden for a demonstration, information and



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plant giveaway. A discussion ensued regarding what activities will be present at the event for children.

- A discussion ensued regarding open space and the next steps to take with the Township. M. McCabe described how the EAC will be identifying the open space within the township. Once identified, let the Township Manager know and then attempt to contact the property owner and request conservation/preservation.
- A discussion ensued regarding identifying open space properties already owned by the Township and which ones to walk and tour- scheduling to follow.
- An announcement was made that on October 3rd there will be a tree planting event at 304 Mill Ridge Drive.
- An announcement was made that on October 18th there will be a tree planting event at Peace Valley.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Township's Spring Newsletter article. K. Davis asked for suggestions for articles. The article is due in December for publication in the beginning of Spring. Some ideas include a Rain Barrel Workshop AD, Composting, Lawn conversion.
- A discussion ensued regarding possible ways of advertising events for the EAC. Some include the Boy scouts, Church bulletins, social media, flyers, utilizing Township signage, posting on multiple websites.
- A discussion ensued regarding possible workshops and/or demonstrations that the EAC would like to hold in 2026. Some include having a speaker attend a meeting to discuss Dark Sky. A mosquito bucket demonstration was mentioned, and K. Davis described the purpose of the mosquito bucket and the detrimental effect of lawn fogging on other wildlife and household pets. Other ideas consist of how to make a pollinator garden and holding a second rain barrel workshop.
- Public comment on non-agenda items
 - Shannon Fredebaugh-Siller and her son Corbin, Pack 133 and Troop 169, shared what projects the Scouts have been doing over the summer. They have built bat boxes and made pepperoni bread for different fundraisers. 7 scouts reside in the township. The pack would like to have opportunities to work with the EAC and the Township. The troops and packs consist of children from kindergarten through fifth grade.



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- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by L. Jones. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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, October 1, 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.*