



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 – October 1st, 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 – M. Briggs motioned, and C. Weston-Young seconded a motion to approve the September 3rd, 2025, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- Reminder that on October 3rd there will be a tree planting event where lots of volunteers will be present. Trees will need to be planted, mulched, and caged.
- The EAC Board wanted to thank everyone for their participation and contributions towards the New Britain Township Fall Festival. A discussion ensued regarding suggestions for next year for changes and/or improvements. The board is looking for additional help with the pollinator garden and needs additional literature on native plants. The native plant display was a success.
- A discussion ensued regarding the signs for the pollinator garden, and all have agreed that the signs are worth the investment.
- A discussion ensued regarding the EAC budget and its submission to the Township. K. Davis said the budget has been submitted to the Township and the Township will incorporate it into the full budget.
- A discussion ensued regarding the pollinator garden and plans for expansion in 2026. The EAC board agreed to ask for an expansion and that the request will need to be submitted to the Township. Another discussion ensued regarding a possible secondary location with North Branch Park. This will be included with the expansion request. A discussion ensued regarding placement of the secondary location. The ideas included near the current concession stand structure, or closer to the entrance of the park for visibility. A discussion ensued regarding the density of the current pollinator garden and then once it's expanded how dense the newer one will become.
- A motion to expand the pollinator garden was made by L. Jones, seconded by C. Weston-Young. The motion passed unanimously.



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- A discussion ensued regarding applying for the Bucks Beautiful grant. Additional conversations will need to be had prior to making the decision. The grant is awarded in the spring.
- A discussion ensued regarding the review of the Open Space Draft provided by the Bucks County Planning Commission. M. McCabe stated that the EAC ordinance was amended so that the Board can work on the open space plan and update it properly. The Township has asked for the EAC to look through the draft and submit questions, commentary, edits, and/or corrections that they would like to see made. Some of the edits include; adding definitions, consistency of the colors between maps, page numbering, clearer language regarding the open space fund, the taxation that took place and where it stands today, clearer language about how the township can purchase land and conservation easements, clearer language regarding the EAC Board and their involvement, updating the maps and properties listed within the draft with the most current ownership information, clearer language for the term "development rights", and including the open space survey results.
- A discussion ensued regarding putting up plaques/signage for conservation and how that may be beneficial.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Bucks County Agricultural Program and the Municipal Partnership Program and what they entail.
- A discussion ensued regarding the work that Heritage does and conservation easement agreements with the Township.
- A discussion ensued regarding concerns over congestion and prioritizing conservation on western side of the Township.
- A discussion ensued regarding members of the EAC doing a walk around the current open space properties. It was determined that this will be scheduled once the first frost comes through.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Dutill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen Davis".

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, November 5, 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.*