



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 – November 5th, 2025

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

Regrets: MaryBeth McCabe

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 October 1st, 2025, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- The EAC discussed the recent tree plantings that took place during the month of October and the impact it will have throughout the Township over the coming years. They encouraged the public to join in as there will be several more opportunities to come.
- The EAC had been asked by the Board of Supervisors to review the draft Open Space Plan and provide feedback on the draft provided to the Township by the County.
- A discussion ensued regarding ACT 319 properties and how they will be portrayed within the open space plan.
- A discussion ensued regarding the ranking criteria used with the open space plan both in 2000 and 2008 and how that will be applied in 2025. This ranking system was used to develop a priority list to help determine which properties need to be and could be conserved.
- Anna Edling asked what the Township is responsible for regarding “open space” or a “conservation easement”. What is required of the Township for maintenance? K. Davis responded that the Township should oversee these properties but would verify.
- An agreement between the members of the EAC board was made to meet and try to apply the current criteria to the available properties listed to determine if the 2000/2008 ranking standards were applicable.



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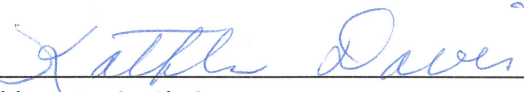
- A discussion ensued regarding the importance of a data center ordinance, the imminent relevance, and whether the EAC should urge the Township to adopt an ordinance, so long as it's modified to fit NBT needs.
- A motion to present a data center ordinance to the Board of Supervisors was made by L. Jones, seconded by M. Briggs. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding the plans for expansion of the pollinator garden and reuse of the current tree stump. The group will be planting native shrubs and will consider trees that do not grow too large. They would like a path to be running throughout the garden. Members will be looking for used/donated flagstone and will be collecting cardboard. The EAC members will be applying for a Buck's Beautiful Grant to help pay for the plantings. The deadline for the grant is at the beginning of 2026.
- A discussion ensued regarding planting along the front of the closed concession stand and the utilization of rain barrels.
- A discussion ensued regarding what content would be needed for the upcoming newsletter and when it would be due. Looking at solidifying dates for the rain barrel workshop. Considering May 2nd, 2026.
- A discussion ensued regarding a community call out for donating flagstone.
- A discussion ensued regarding a date for cardboard laying – potentially the week of December 7th.
- A discussion ensued regarding creating a social media post asking for spare flagstone.
- A discussion ensued regarding adding language to websites regarding status of pollinator garden throughout the winter season.
- A discussion ensued regarding what other articles would be ideal for the upcoming newsletter. M. Briggs is considering writing a composting article. L. Jones recommended having a list of resources for residents to go and purchase native plants as well as a list of events for plant sales and plant swaps. Anna Edling recommended an article on mushrooms and fungus. M. Briggs suggested a reminder for lights out.
- The EAC members agreed to hold the scheduled December meeting.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Davis, Chair

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