



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Kathleen Davis, Chair	MaryBeth McCabe, Supervisor
Mary Margaret Briggs, Member	Alex Mullin, NBT
Kathleen Dutil, Member	
Lucy Jones, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – December 3rd, 2025

Attended: K. Davis, M. Briggs, K. Dutil, C. Weston-Young, L. Jones, A. Mullin, M. 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 November 5th, 2025, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- L. Jones described the EAC's recent efforts in investigating which Township parcels are available for conservation. The first phase was to review the initial ranking criteria from the 2000 plan and how that would apply to today's standards. A discussion ensued regarding zoning districts and values placed on each.
- A discussion ensued regarding a proposal to the Township for a grant application. This would be for a North Branch Park stormwater remediation project. The project would benefit the Townships' MS4 requirements and would require tree planting within the park, specifically in areas that retain water.
- A discussion ensued regarding the demonstration garden expansion. December 9th will be the mulch spreading and cardboard laying. March 31st is the deadline for Buck's Beautiful grant. The money will be dedicated to the shrubs and sycamore logs will be used for a path.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Bucks County Conservation District and the Neshaminy Watershed. Karen Ogden is working with Ken Jones to try and put together a consortium with 8 Townships to discuss MS4 issues and ways to improve and help with the watershed in our area. Ken Jones will present this at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 26th.
- A discussion ensued regarding content for the upcoming submission for the Township Newsletter. Anna Edling provided a Mushroom article. M. Briggs provided a Lights Out and Composting article. K. Davis revamped the Rain Barrel Workshop flyer with updated information for the 2026 event and asked A. Mullin if there was a way to have participants pay online in advance. A. Mullin stated she



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would discuss this with the Township Event Coordinator to see what options we would be able to provide, that would make the most sense.

- A discussion ensued regarding a native plant presentation and whether it should also be a plant sale or giveaway or if this type of demonstration could also become a workshop. A discussion ensued regarding combining the expansion of the pollinator garden with the native plant demonstration. The EAC feels that they would like to invite the public to the planting of the expansion.
- A discussion ensued regarding future possible tasks for the EAC to consider such as entering the Bird Town program.
- A motion to pursue becoming a Bird Town and present the application to the Board of Supervisors was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by L. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion ensued regarding proposing a naturalizing lawn ordinance for the Township. There would also need to be a weed ordinance proposed in conjunction and the distinction between the two ordinances would need to be made very clear.
- A discussion ensued regarding the concession stand at North Branch Park and its current use. As it stands, it is being used for storage, but the surrounding space could be useful for future planting, and the exterior is in need for a fresh coat of paint.
- A discussion ensued regarding single use plastic bans. The EAC would like to start the conversation with local businesses and find out how this would impact them and if they would be open to considering this in the future.
- A discussion ensued regarding informing residents about where you can recycle Styrofoam locally.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Dutil. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on Wednesday, January 7, 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.