



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Kathleen Davis, Chair	Cynthia Jones, Supervisor
Mary Margaret Briggs, Member	Alex Mullin, NBT
Geraldine Reuter, Member	
Lucy Jones, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – February 4th, 2026

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

Regrets: G. Reuter

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 January 7th, 2026, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Demonstration garden expansion. K. Davis gave an update that the Bucks Beautiful grant application has been submitted.
- K. Davis provided an update to the Board that there was a Bird Town presentation at the latest Board of Supervisors meeting on December 15th and that a resolution was signed at the February 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting. M. Briggs had drafted an application. M. Briggs is awaiting feedback from Bird Town regarding some questions and once those have been answered, she will finalize the application and move forward with submission.
- M. Briggs called for three volunteers to be on the Bird Town sub-committee as this is a requirement.
 - Sarah Benz, Mike Barba, Margaret Briggs all volunteered.
 - Carol Weston-Young volunteered as an alternate.
- M. Briggs motioned, and L. Jones seconded the motion to have all three members to be on the Bird Town sub-committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- K. Davis provided an update to the Board that Ken Jones and Karen Ogden gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their February 2nd meeting regarding the Neshaminy Watershed Consortium. C. Jones stated that the Board of Supervisors has taken this initiative into consideration and will act on it when appropriate.
- A discussion ensued regarding the confirmation of Andrea Glang Polozniakova for the Native Plant Presentation. This is confirmed for May 6th at 5:30 pm. The regularly scheduled EAC meeting will



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occur directly after this presentation. To draw participants, the idea was to have the first 15-20 people receive a free plant.

- A discussion ensued regarding how the EAC should best advertise the Native Plant event. Ideas are as follows: Township website and Facebook page, church bulletins, community boards, Scouts, utilize various other social media platforms, street signs, The Herald posting online.
- A discussion continued from the previous meeting regarding the use of a QR code with the demonstration garden. A. Mullin mentioned that she utilizes Canva for Township advertising and it has a QR function that we can explore. It will allow for easier editing and less signage modification.
- A discussion ensued regarding plans for a workshop at the Demonstration Garden. Anna Edling recommended having people available to answer questions for residents as this was necessary during Fall Festival in 2025. The date of this workshop is still to be finalized; however, the plan is to have it coincide with the Peace Valley plant sale at the end of May 2026.
- A discussion continued from the previous meeting regarding ideas for initiating plastic reduction. C. Jones recommended looking at surrounding Townships' ordinances to see what they have in place and use those as a benchmark as to what NBT should consider doing. Then present a recommendation to the BOS. Sarah Baik would like to be on the Plastic Reduction Committee along with Jim Morano.
- A discussion ensued regarding planning for the Mosquito bucket event. K. Davis will be going to local hardware stores (ACE, Wehrung's Hardware) to ask for donations of buckets and disks.
- A discussion ensued about what a BT bucket dunk is and how it is used. L. Jones explained that the disk is a mechanism used to release a toxin to kill off future generations of mosquitos without harming other wildlife. She explained that you can use a bucket, standing water and some grass to house the disk and attract the mosquitos.
- A discussion continued from the previous meeting regarding the model for Naturalizing Lawn Ordinance. "We Conserve PA" has an ordinance that states you can naturalize your lawn in such a way that will allow for diversity without it looking overgrown and in disarray. It is described as "landscape" rather than lawn.
- A discussion ensued regarding utilizing the "We Conserve PA" version to be a simplistic example to base the NBT version on. M. Briggs stated that the Township does need some leverage to be able to keep properties and owners responsible for the state of their property. L. Jones asked if the EAC would recommend adding the new ordinance onto the existing or replacing the current ordinance with the "We Conserve PA" version. M. Briggs suggested asking for modifications to the current ordinance.



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- A discussion ensued regarding ordinances for the municipality verses HOA rules, and which would ultimately take precedence. C. Jones stated that you follow whichever rule is stricter.
- C. Jones recommended looking at the current ordinance, reviewing the “We Conserve PA” ordinance, combing appropriate parts of each and compiling a recommendation for a modification to present to the Board of Supervisors.
- A discussion ensued regarding topsoil and sedimentation within new development. M. Briggs drafted a recommendation to BOS regarding oversight of builders and replacement of topsoil plans. M. Briggs reads the recommendation out loud to the Board. K. Davis asked M. Briggs to make one section of the recommendation a bit more detailed to highlight the top-soil requirements but otherwise liked the recommendation.
- C. Weston-Young motioned, and M. Briggs seconded the motion to have the recommendation go to the Board of Supervisors for review with minor modifications. The motion passed unanimously.
- K. Davis gave an update to the Board regarding the status of the Open Space Plan and that it has been moving in a positive direction. There is another meeting in March, and the Township is expecting to see lots of progression.
- L. Jones asked if the Township staff would be able to advertise the WNF&G Designed for Nature Garden Tour on the Township website and Facebook page. Last year WNF&G awarded the NBT EAC with a grant for the Demonstration Garden. A. Mullin and C. Jones agreed and asked for materials necessary to make the posting.
- A discussion ensued regarding sending suggestions to the Township for clean energy initiatives. It was agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by L. Jones, seconded by C. Weston-Young at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, March 4, 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.*