



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

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

Minutes – March 4th, 2026

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

Regrets: N/A

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 February 4th, 2026, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- M. Briggs gave an update on Bird Town and said that New Britain Township just became the 101st Pennsylvanian Bird Town. She is in the process of setting up a virtual training course and Heidi Shiver from Bird Town will be attending the May 4th, Board of Supervisors meeting to present. M. Briggs discussed projects such as constructing bird houses as the first project for the bird town committee.
- K. Davis provided an update on the upcoming Rain Barrel Workshop now that the sign-up registration went live to all residents. She stated that at that time there were only 7 spots remaining. The EAC encouraged anyone who was interested and had not signed up to follow the link on the website to register.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Native Plant Presentation scheduled for May 6th and the workshop tentatively scheduled for May 16th at the garden. The presentation will be held at 5:30pm on the 6th prior to the regularly scheduled EAC meeting. K. Davis asked A. Mullin if she would be able to help prepare a flyer for the event. A. Mullin stated she would be able to utilize Canva to create something the EAC could use and would post it online.
- K. Davis stated that the logistics for the workshop still need to be worked out for the 16th. The EAC needs to determine a time that the workshop will begin and determine if they would like to have a rain-date in place. Sarah Benz stated that she can and will be providing photos to help with the demonstration to show what will be in the garden to help educate the attendees.



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- A discussion ensued regarding the number of plants needed for the newest extension of the pollinator garden and what could be achieved if the EAC were to receive the approval of the grant funding.
- K. Davis provided an update on the Mosquito bucket workshop. She went to Wehrung's Hardware and talked to an associate there about the Mosquito Bucket Workshop the EAC plans to hold. They put her in touch with Kim Wehrung, who is the Community Outreach contact. K. Davis is currently waiting for a response.
- A discussion ensued regarding the need for donated buckets and mosquito dunks. L. Jones and C. Jones discussed options for where to purchase large quantities of buckets to provide for workshop attendees.
- C. Jones stated that the Board of Supervisors will be discussing the EAC's recommendation regarding the Grading/Topsoil ordinance at the April 6th meeting.
- K. Davis provided an update on the Plastic Reduction Committee in that G. Reuter will be joining. There will be further updates in April.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Open Space Plan. The EAC would like to send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors indicating a list of properties to pursue that aligns with the goals of the Open Space Plan.
- L. Jones motioned, and C. Weston- Young seconded the motion to have the recommendation go to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Briggs and K. Davis provided an update that the Open Space Plan Committee is very close to finishing the plan and that it should hopefully be completed in May.
- The EAC discussed its draft of an amendment to the Township's ordinance [§ 10-201Vegetative Growth a Nuisance Under Certain Conditions.](#) and the addition of a new section allowing for Naturalized Landscapes following the model provided by "We Conserve PA". L. Jones motioned, and G. Reuter seconded the motion. The EAC voted unanimously to recommend these ordinance changes to the Board of Supervisors.
- A discussion ensued regarding the groundwater/well ordinance and if this would be something the EAC should begin investigating. K. Davis explained that the goal is to protect current wells located on residents' properties. The EAC further discussed reviewing our current ordinances and determining what can be done to help better protect residents well systems from drying up when new wells are installed. M. Briggs posed the question, "What is a reasonable amount of monitoring time for a newly established well?". The EAC decided to continue this conversation later to allow members to research this topic on their own.



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- A discussion ensued regarding website write ups. K. Davis stated that she would like the EAC to provide a tip for each month to A. Mullin to post on the Township's website and social media pages. One of the suggestions was to write a tip regarding best practices for lawn care. K. Davis and L. Jones suggested providing information about harmful pesticides.
- A discussion ensued regarding the North Branch Park playground updates. The EAC asked C. Jones if any landscape had been planned for around the new pavilion. C. Jones indicated that nothing has been planned at the current moment but that it can be discussed when construction is further along.
- A discussion ensued regarding data centers and how they are quickly becoming more of a prominent issue in surrounding areas. The EAC stated that NBT should be vigilant on incoming interest of development.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Briggs, seconded by C. Weston-Young at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, April 1st, 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.*