



# 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 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 G. Reuter seconded a motion to approve the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the minutes.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Bluebird boxes presentation; M. Briggs introduced Corbin Siller, noting that this is the first Bird Town PA project for New Britain Township and that the EAC presented Corbin with the initiative; Bird Town Committee members include M. Briggs (liaison), Mike Barba, C. Weston-Young, and Sarah Benz; it was discussed that certain township-owned planted areas outside of active parks may be suitable locations for birdhouses, and Corbin presented his work, explaining both the construction process and how the project supports his badge requirements.
- A discussion ensued regarding Bird Town activities in New Britain Township; M. Briggs shared that Bird Town NBT will attend the Bluebird presentation sponsored by Doylestown Township Bird Town on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Doylestown Township Building (425 Wells Road, Doylestown), with M. Briggs and Sarah in attendance.
- It was noted that Bird Town PA will present at the May 4 Board of Supervisors meeting, formally welcoming New Britain Township as the 101st Bird Town, and that a Zoom training session with Heidi is scheduled for April 2.
- A discussion ensued regarding Bird Town NBT participation in the AARK open house weekend on May 30–31, in collaboration with neighboring Bird Town committees, with Sarah and M. Briggs planning to assist and host a table.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Rain Barrel Workshop, and K. Davis requested that A. Mullin repost the information to encourage participation, which A. Mullin agreed to do.



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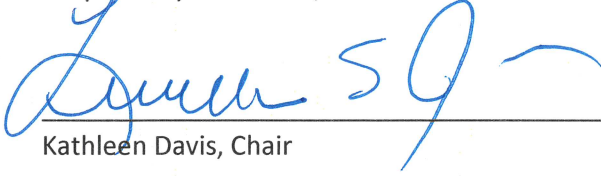
- It was noted that the Native Plant Presentation will take place on May 6 at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regularly scheduled EAC meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- An update was provided on the May 16 workshop at the garden, with Anna Edling assisting with the ongoing layout and planning and plantings reported to be doing well.
- It was reported that meadow seeding at the Coleman property has been completed following a request from Ken Jones to convert the large open space into a meadow.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Mosquito Bucket Workshop timing and format; it was noted that mosquito dunks will be distributed rather than buckets, with an emphasis on education and implementation, potentially aligning with the May 16 workshop at approximately 10:00 a.m., and that informational handouts will also be provided at earlier events.
- It was noted that the Grading and Topsoil Ordinance recommendations will be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at the April 6, 2026, meeting.
- It was noted that the Naturalized Lawn Ordinance recommendation will also be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at the April 6, 2026, meeting.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Plastic Reduction Committee report and recommendations, presented by Jim Morano and G. Reuter, including a report on single-use plastics and encouragement to reduce their use; it was noted that Doylestown Township and Borough, New Britain Borough, Montgomery Township, and Newtown Township have adopted ordinances banning certain plastics, and that the written report from G. Reuter and Jim Morano will be included in the record.
- A discussion ensued regarding the Bucks County Sustainability group, a countywide initiative with EAC representation that has been meeting throughout the year; G. Reuter attended on behalf of the EAC and reported that at the March meeting (the first of four), the group reviewed benchmark projects including energy efficiency improvements (e.g., window replacements at Neshaminy Manor), prevention of illegal dumping, climate action initiatives, and expanded household hazardous waste recycling efforts in coordination with BCPC to enhance resident engagement, and is currently developing a data center resource page while also having secured a FEMA grant to support these efforts.
- M Briggs asked if there was any growth in milk jugs because of the sowing project held in the fall of 2025 – M. Briggs and K. Davis will be attending the April scout meeting.
- Anna Edling noted that all the cardinal plants came back. – tomorrow morning she will be at the pollinator garden working to prepare it for the upcoming plantings.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by G. Reuter at 8:02 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, May 6, 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](http://www.newbritaintownship.org).*