



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

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

Minutes – July 1st, 2026

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

Regrets: K. Davis

Meeting was called to order by L. Jones @ 7:00 pm.

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes – G. Reuter motioned, and C. Weston-Young seconded a motion to approve the June 3rd, 2026 minutes. The EAC unanimously approved the motion.
- M. Briggs provided an update on Bird Town. She reported that the committee met in early June to discuss window collisions, upcoming fall festivals, and newsletter articles requested by Heidi Shiver for the May and June editions. The committee discussed locations for two Bird Town signs currently in the Townships' possession. It was decided that they should be installed at West Branch Park and at the Coleman Property. Additional signs are available for approximately \$60 each.
- M. Briggs motioned, and G. Reuter seconded a motion to purchase three to five additional Bird Town signs. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Jones discussed the idea of the Township potentially holding a contest to rename the Coleman Property with an indigenous name, to honor the history of the local area and surrounding properties.
- M. Briggs noted that the next Bird Town grant application is due in September. The committee also plans to provide information during the Fall Festival about becoming a Bird-Friendly Home.
- An update was provided on the Pollinator Demonstration Garden. Volunteers continue to water and maintain the garden. Public Works continue to fill the water barrels.
- An update was provided on the Berry Zone. Jared Fredo, Master Watershed Steward and friend of Kathleen Davis, and Ken Jones, Neshaminy Watershed Association, donated fencing for the project, and members reported that the Berry Zone is progressing well.

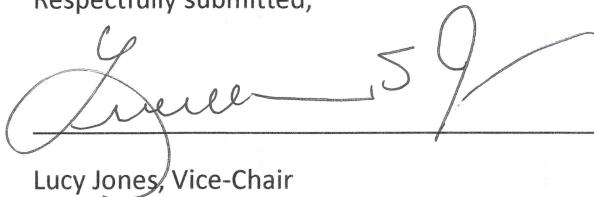


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- An update was provided on the Philadelphia Horticultural Society Grant for the basin near North Branch Park. The grant was awarded, and the trees have been ordered.
- A discussion ensued regarding planning for the Township Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 19. The EAC requested two booths, one for the Environmental Advisory Council and one for Bird Town, preferably in the same location as previous years.
- It was noted that proximity to the Pollinator Demonstration Garden is preferable for walkability of festival attendees.
- Members of the EAC suggested reviewing the budget to purchase reusable bags as giveaways and creating a Signup Genius for volunteers to staff the booths.
- G. Reuter shared an update information regarding single-use plastics. She noted that Doylestown and Solebury Townships have not experienced issues from businesses following implementation of their plastic reduction ordinances. She further stated that Penn Environment would be willing to provide a presentation on plastic reduction efforts and emphasized the importance of highlighting the positive impacts of reducing single-use plastics.
- Jim Morano discussed the possibility of implementing a "Take a bag, leave a bag" initiative and suggested that it may help start the trend within the community.
- Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston-Young, seconded by G. Reuter at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucy Jones, Vice-Chair

*The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, August 5, 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.*