



New Britain Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Kathleen Davis, Chair	Daniel Fox, NBT Manager
Mary Margaret Briggs, Secretary	MaryBeth McCabe, NBT Supervisor
Kathleen Dutil, Member	
Jaime Walker, Member	
Carol Weston-Young, Member	

Minutes – May 25, 2024

Attended: K. Davis, M. Briggs, J. Walker, K. Dutil, C. Weston-Young, D. Fox

Regrets: M. McCabe

Meeting was called to order by K. Davis @ 7:01 pm.

Discussion:

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes - Upon motion by C. Weston-Young, seconded by K. Davis, the council unanimously approved the April 25, 2024 minutes.
- Announcements – K. Davis
 - Carol Weston-Young, new EAC member, was introduced by K. Davis.
 - Tree plantings in West Branch Park were completed on April 28 and May 19. A planting will be planned for the fall, along the Neshaminy Greenway Trail.
- Recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding Lighting Ordinance – A motion to discuss the lighting ordinance was made by M. Briggs and seconded by K. Davis. An amendment to the recommendation was suggested by C. Weston-Young (change “wildlife” to flora and fauna). Discussion followed with K. Dutil and J. Walker noting the importance of safety of residents, when considering street lighting in the township. M. Briggs noted environmental concerns could be addressed without compromising safety of residents, through design (fixture) and LED CCT (correlated color temperature) modifications. M. Briggs also noted, not all areas of the township have streetlights and the current ordinance is outdated (22 years old). The amended recommendation was motioned for a vote by M. Briggs, and seconded by K. Davis. The recommendation passed 3-2 vote (Yes – Davis, Briggs, Weston-Young; No – Dutil, Walker).
- Neshaminy Consortium – Motion to send K. Davis as EAC representative (BOS representative is S. Shortall). M. Briggs motioned for K. Davis to go to consortium meetings, C. Weston Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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- Planning for Fall Festival – Various educational displays were discussed (enviro-scapes, 2 have been reserved by K. Davis), sand table for kids, native planting, lighting, volunteers for neighborhood groups (captains). Fall Festival is September 21. (unknown if there will be a rain date). It was suggested the EAC make logo on canvas for pop-up tent; members are asked to bring examples to next meeting.
- Potential newsletter Items discussed - late fall (end of September for article). Tree volcanoes (idea for spring edition). Page on stormwater (MS4 submission) done by engineer.
- Other business – J. Walker noted schools have noticed an increase in ticks; suggested EAC could provide environmental tips regarding tick removal and avoidance. Discussion included methods such as spraying shoes and back of neck with repellents, as well as wearing light colored clothing. Idea for fall festival table – show example of Tick key. “Uptick in ticks” post on township website. Members asked to draft ideas on email by end of first week of June.
- Public comment on non-agenda items – Possible change in meeting date was discussed. D. Fox will get back to the EAC with possible date openings.
- Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston Young, seconded by K. Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The Next Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Thursday, June 27, 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.*