



# New Britain Township

## *Environmental Advisory Council*

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

Minutes – June 27, 2024

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

Meeting was called to order by K. Davis @ 7:00 pm.

**Discussion:**

- Approval of Minutes - Upon motion by M. Briggs, seconded by J. Walker, the council unanimously approved the May 25, 2024 minutes.
- Announcements – K. Davis
  - Tick Update – J. Walker put together a nice graphic for the New Britain Township (NBT) Facebook page.
  - Alert – Neshaminy Watershed Association (NWA) would like to do a planting along Greenway Trail; vote on recommendation in July to BOS to support. Grant obtained by NWA.
- Fall festival – Saturday, September 21
  - Public input: ideas and decorations for festival table
  - Call for volunteers:
    - Setup – C. Weston-Young can provide one or two 10 x 10 pop-up tents – need to ask S. Gelb and Veterans, if the EAC could be allotted space for 2 tents. Do we want a banner? Colorful, balloons, tablecloths
    - Environscape – sand table (smaller version, Parent Trap).
    - 300<sup>th</sup> bags? Any left?
    - Tables – M. Briggs has 3, C. Weston-Young has 1, M. McCabe has 1.
    - Staffing tables – need volunteers
    - Native Plants printout (large 11 x 17) from Doylestown Township
    - Breakdown – need volunteers
- Grant Application for Giant’s “Healing the Planet” program
  - — Discussion of a good title for our application. Possible suggestions:
    - New Britain Township: EcoSmart



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- Creating Canopy
  - A Giant Eco-Step for Creating Canopy
  - For Restoring Roots
  - Healing the Creek Trail
  - Trees for the Trail
  - Got Trees?
  - Creating Shady Trails
- Free rain barrels filled by public works.
- Letters of support obtained from NWA, PA Master Watershed Stewards, NBT, and Bucks County Conservation District.
  
- Parking and “Green Parking Lots” recommendations
  - Curb cuts or no curbs for green islands, so trees do well and the stormwater run-offs; saves money by not having curbs when developed.
  - Layered approach, with shrubs and trees
  - New development and redevelopment (50% or more change, land development ordinances. Recommend that township require green parking to help meet MS4 stormwater remediation (replace stormwater basins or reduce).
  - Also, cut down the required parking in our ordinance. Need to ensure green parking is implemented.
  - Incentive to developers to get quicker approval. (time = money)
  - At base of Wegman’s (MontCo); by 309 side – big swatch of no curb, big rain garden
  
- Change of EAC meeting schedule
  - Change to first Wednesday, beginning in September (Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec 4). Cancel August meeting.
  - Motion to change meeting made by C. Weston-Young; seconded by K. Dutil. Passed unanimously.
  
- Other business - None
  
- Public comment on non-agenda items –
  - M. McCabe voiced appreciation for the tick notice.
  - Resident L. Jones suggested the EAC support “Lights Out” during bird migration periods and she volunteered to send further information to the EAC. M. Briggs to draft memo suggesting that BOS officially support a resolution, which will be discussed at the next EAC meeting.
  - Bird Town application – consider during a future meeting (\$100 application).
  
- Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Weston Young, seconded by K. Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Davis", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The Next Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Thursday, July 25, 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).*