



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 – July 25, 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 @ 7:05 pm.

Discussion:

- Approval of Minutes - Upon motion by C. Weston-Young, seconded by J. Walker, the council unanimously approved the June 27, 2024 minutes.
- Announcements – K. Davis
 - PEC review of ordinances to get green stormwater recommendations in place. Should be back to township by beginning of August.
 - DCNR is doing a survey about parks. K. Davis will send link to survey.
 - Open space survey for township residents – random sampling of residents.
- Fall festival – Saturday, September 21
 - Banner Ideas – NBT logo on left side – name – then globe on right side. Smith prints discussion re: logo. Tri-Centennial committee worked w Smith Prints – need to find out if we own the digital logo.
 - Call for volunteers: - D. Fox to post on website need for volunteers during set-up and break-down, as well as for staffing tables (K. Davis to provide text).
- Recommendations
 - Neshaminy Watershed Association planting – trees cannot be planted too close to trail. Ken walked the area with R. Cressman (NBT). C. Weston-Young also has some smaller trees to donate. C. Weston-Young motioned to approve. K. Dutill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Lights Out Resolution – thank you to L. Jones for bringing bird migration concerns and the Lights Out program to the EAC's attention. K. Dutill voiced concern if lights are turned out for safety reasons. In addition, publicity of this program may attract crime. M. Briggs noted there are light fixture designs available to light the ground area and areas around doors (shielded to point light down). Motion activated



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fixtures also minimize light “time” on. M. Briggs noted, the program is voluntary. M. Briggs motioned to approve. K. Davis seconded. Motion passed (4-1); Yes (David, Briggs, Weston-Young, Walker); No (Dutill).

- Parking ordinance – revisions made during meeting; M. Briggs motioned to approve. J. Walker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Weed spraying - NBT has been spraying curbs with glucoside with surfactant. D. Fox states the township will evaluate next year if township will continue this spraying, which only occurs in developments with curbs (on curb line). EAC can also research, if requested by township and look at alternatives for the spring. Discussion with NBT residents noted communication and education will be important, including with residents as well as leaders of township HOAs (who manage their own streets and curbs). For example, don't spray it before it rains.
- EAC Network Fall Conference – Saturday, Oct. 5th
- Other business –surveys regarding open space to be sent in August to randomly selected residents. Please respond if you receive one (Sidenote: BCPC also has survey on their website on county wide page).

Re: Township property that could use trees – we have some fee in lieu funds. Gilmore offered to discuss how they could support the fee in lieu with EAC. – D. Fox suggested we set up discussion, possibly during Oct meeting. M. McCabe will speak to with Gilmore.

- Other business - None
- Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walker, seconded by C. Weston-Young. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Davis, Chair

*The Next Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Britain Township will take place on **Wednesday, September 4th, 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.*