

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NEW  
BRITAIN TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 3 OF THE  
NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO  
PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, ON May 15, 2023, the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 2023-04-02 to provide for an Environmental Advisory Council (“EAC”); and

**WHEREAS**, after two years of operation, the Board of Supervisors has determined the EAC can and should perform additional duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional duties and responsibilities will further the EAC’s purpose advising on matters dealing with the protection, conservation, management, and use of natural resources, including air, land, and water resources located within the Township, and to help educate residents about the importance of environmental protection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township, the following changes are as specified herein;

**Section 1. Amendments.**

1. Section 1-302 Establishment and Purpose is amended to read as follows:

An Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is hereby established for the purpose of advising the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors and other boards and committees of the Township on matters dealing with the protection, conservation, **preservation**, management, and use of natural resources, including air, land, and water resources located within the Township, and to help educate residents about the importance of environmental protection.

2. Subsections A and F of Section 1-308 Powers and Duties are amended as follows:

A. The Council shall identify environmental problems and recommend plans and programs for the promotion, ~~and~~ conservation **and preservation** of the natural resources of New Britain Township and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within New Britain Township, as permitted by law.

F. The Council shall advise appropriate local government agencies, including the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board, and Board of Supervisors in the acquisition of both real and personal property by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, easement, devise or lease, in matters dealing with the purposes of environmental conservation **and land preservation**.

3. Section 1-308 Powers and Duties is amended to renumber existing subsection G as

subsection I to include the following new subsections G and H:

- G. The EAC shall assign a priority number to each area identified for Land Preservation indicating the level of desirability for preservation, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest. When setting priorities, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:**
- 1. the presence of natural resources and other natural features, including, but not limited to, the presence of wetlands, the location of the property within a flood plain or watershed area, and the presence of flora and fauna of concern;**
  - 2. Suitability for use of agricultural purposes;**
  - 3. Suitability for recreational purposes;**
  - 4. Suitability for other uses of the land as open space;**
  - 5. Aesthetic value to the community;**
  - 6. Negative features such as known contaminants or other nuisances;**
  - 7. Presence of historical structures;**
  - 8. Presence of archaeological sites or other features important to the preservation of the township's heritage;**
  - 9. Likelihood of development;**
  - 10. Importance to the movement of wildlife through the area; and**
  - 11. Links to adjoining areas of current protected open space or areas that may be protected in the future.**
- H. The EAC shall present the list of said properties for preservation to the Board of Supervisors for action as well as its recommendations for procedures to make contact with said landowners to advise of the Township's interest in preserving the property.**
- I. The Council shall make written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors at least annually, and more frequently as mandated by the Board of Supervisors, and shall furnish a representative to appear at a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors to report and discuss the EAC's activities upon request for the same.**

## **Section 2. Repealer.**

Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in violation of or in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

## **Section 3. Severability.**

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, enforceable or unconstitutional, the Board of Directors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, enforceable or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

**ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township this the 18 day of August, 2025.

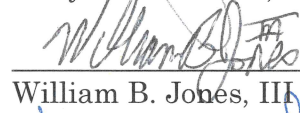
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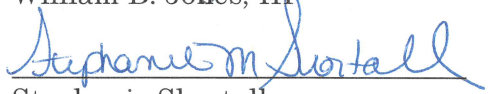
  
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