

**Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission**  
**July 11, 2011 Meeting**

Present:

- Commission Members – Jeri Colicchio, Jeffrey Henninger, Todd Underwood, Karen Feridun,
- Borough Representatives – Karen Feridun - Borough Planning Commission Liaison,
- Public – Elaine Bartholomew

Absent:

- Kevin Snyder – Borough Council Liaison
- Dave Rustay – Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Jeri Colicchio.

Todd Underwood made a motion, seconded by Karen Feridun, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 and June 6, 2011 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

Waiting for feedback if anyone is interested in the open EAC positions.

**New Business**

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. KU Environmental Committee – Todd Underwood (chair)

No report

2. Communication, Education, Community Workshops – Karen Feridun (chair)

No report

3. Annual Report – Todd Underwood (chair)

No report

4. Climate Protection Agreement – Jeffrey Henninger (chair)

No report

5. Air and Water Quality – Jeri Colicchio (chair)

Lisa Kidder passed along comments that she thought the latest water report showed high nitrates. There was some discussion and questions about the recent water report which showed one of twenty samples above the action level. Questions unanswered where: what is an action level and where was the location of the elevated sample.

7. Recycling Program – Chair vacant

It was noted that the Berks County Solid Waste Authority takes disposal gas canisters. Norm not available for tonight's meeting. Still looking for a scrap metal recycling option.

8. Environmental Stewardship Award – (chair and subcommittee members vacant)

The Award nomination process has been advertised, but no responses yet.

9. Sacony Marsh and Trail – Todd Underwood (chair)

Thursday night at 5:30 PM there will be a weeding event. The Kutztown Garden Club may adopt one or two sections of the Sacony Trail.

There was discussion about the need for a buffer to restrict certain actions adjacent to the Sacony Creek. Apparently a resident is mowing and dumping grass clippings right along the bank of the Sacony. Karen Feridun will discuss at a Planning Commission meeting.

A native plant garden is being constructed this summer at the Kutztown Elementary School.

10. Pesticides and Herbicides – Jeffrey Henninger (chair)

No report.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Todd Underwood and seconded by Karen Feridun. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm. Next meeting on August 1, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Henninger