

## **Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes**

Monday April 3, 2023

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Todd Underwood (Chair), Kathy Kelly (Secretary), Keith Leinbach (Air and Water Quality), Lisa Ladd-Kidder (Borough Council Liaison), Randall Wert.

The meeting was called to order by Todd Underwood at 7:03 pm.

1. Minutes from March 2023 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements
3. Public Comment
4. New Business
5. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Community Education
    - PFAS white paper has been posted on the EAC web page and our Facebook page.
    - Kutztown University is hosting an Earth Day Event on April 21, 2023, with a focus on recycling. KEAC will have available some recycling bins and a Borough recycling schedule.
    - Environmental Stewardship Award: Kathy and Lisa submitted a draft of a write up for the Reading Eagle outlining the awardee's accomplishments. Todd to review and comment. Award and plaque information is pending.
  - b. Water and Air Quality
    - Keith presented a data summary from the PCE testing of Monitoring Well 6a at the NESL quarry as well as Discharge point data. In summary, Monitoring Well 6a has equaled or exceeded the Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) 12 times from 11/01/2018 through 12/30/2022 and the Discharge Point data has exceeded the Water Supply Agreement (WSA) limit 27 times during the same monitoring period. In addition, based on the data provided to the Borough of Kutztown, the Quarry failed to meet the quarterly monitoring requirement in CY2017, CY2018, and CY2019. The PA DEP does not recognize the WSA between NESL and the Borough. What is unclear is that since the quarry did not cause the problem (contamination from the migrating Topton plume), what is their responsibility other than monitoring the PCE and VOC level, in regard to this matter? Keith is going to get a copy of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which calls out regulations regarding point sources.

- Keith plans to get an easy-to-use spreadsheet set up for Borough in Quarter 1 2023. This spreadsheet will help facilitate the data collection process for greenhouse gas data and inventory.
- c. Recycling and Trash
  - Keith will follow up with Kutztown Community Partnership (KCP) on obtaining the link for the recycling App schedule.
- d. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
  - North Park Bridge is open and so is the park. Good news indeed. It was noted that Berks County has contributed to covering the cost of the bridge.
  - The two new benches that need to be installed for the Greenwich Street Welcome Garden and the three dead trees in the garden area which need to be cut down will all be completed by June 1.
  - Additional cleanup tentatively scheduled for the end of April. Planting is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April and will involve several KU volunteer groups.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm