Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday December 6, 2021

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Todd Underwood, Kathy Kelly, and Keith Leinbach and guest participants Fred Englehardt and Lisa Ladd-Kidder

1. Meeting was called to order by Todd Underwood at 7:00 pm.

   Old Business

2. Minutes from November 2021 were approved.

   New Business

3. Budget
   a. Todd is going to ask Giant if they will once again donate money for trees and plants to the tune of $1250.

4. Subcommittee Reports
   a. Community Education
      • No updates.
   b. Parks and Trail
      • Todd asked Lisa to check with Brian Bailey if is going to use the money in our budget for the proposed bench at the White Oak garden and a trash can at the Saucony Trail head.
      • Todd/Lisa to check if we as a group (KEAC) approve buying plants if Brian does not approve the money earmarked for the bench and trash can.
      • Todd will attend the January 2022 Public Works meeting and request trail resurfacing along the Saucony.
   c. Water and Air Quality
      • Keith Leinbach reported that he still has not been successful in obtaining greenhouse data from the Boro.
      • In January 2022, Todd will attend the Public Works meeting to find out how to obtain the greenhouse data.
      • There was considerable discussion concerning the Foundry’s reactivation plan. Keith is going to take the action to summarize our questions and concerns which is due to Borough Council by December 16. It is our intent to keep getting the review period extended until every question/concern is addressed. It must be noted that the Foundry can continue to operate under the current permit.
      • Dust Ordinance review
         o Lisa announced that the Dust Ordinance will be advertised in the December 7th edition of the Reading Eagle. Final review/comments at December Council meeting.
   d. Recycling and Trash
• We are still awaiting feedback on the letter Warren drafted to the Kutztown Borough Council, Public Safety and Community Development Committees concerning trash and renters.

• Side note: while we did not formally discuss this issue, Todd reported on 11/3/2021 that the Public Works Department voted to keep the recycling the same for 2022 and to collect more data to better understand how well the schedule is working. They will also work with KU to get the system working more efficiently. Borough Council still must give final official approval.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm