

## Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday February 5, 2024

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Todd Underwood (Chair), Kathy Kelly (Secretary) by Conf Call, Lisa Ladd-Kidder (Borough Council Liaison), Cheyenne Friscia (KU student rep), CJ Penzone by Conf Call, Randy Wert

The meeting was called to order by Todd Underwood at 7:20 pm. Note: issues w/ Zoom.

- Cheyenna moved to approve the minutes from the January 2024 meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy.
- Announcements: None
- Public Comment: None
- Old Business
  - 2023 Annual Report reviewed and ready to submit for February 2024.
- New Business
  - Generate grant to submit to Giant for trees for April planting. The recent floods have been washing away soil from around the new trees.
- Subcommittee Reports
  - A. Community Education
    - KK will edit the white paper to have separate papers for children and clothing.
    - Lisa to talk to the Fire Chief to better understand education and training for first responders to ensure they are aware of the risks associated with PFAS and firefighting material and equipment.
    - Continue to update the plant of the month on our webpage.
    - Develop a plan for environmental education especially with the elementary school. Adult volunteers will need to be vetted unless they are teachers or KU students. The focus would be in the Saucony trail area.
    - Todd was asked to do a last-minute presentation for the Mengel Natural History Society. His topic was "The Natural History and Restoration of the Saucony Trail."
  - B. Water and Air Quality
    - Q4 6a well water testing at NESL was received. Some of the data is questionable for Q4 PCE and Gallons per Minute (GPM) discharge. KK to update the tracking graph and work with Lisa on drafting a letter to DEP concerning NESL's inconsistent testing and reporting.
    - The spreadsheet project for the data collection process for greenhouse gas data and inventory by the Borough is currently on hold.
    - Response from East Penn Manufacturing (EPM) in regard to the air permit renewal request comments. They stated that they are planning to have a response back to us by the end of January. No response received as of date of this meeting.
    - The Foundry sent a letter concerning air quality permit renewal. However, no actual request has been received.

C. Recycling and Trash

- CJ located the DEP handbook on community recycling and will forward it to Brian Bailey.

D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)

- Saucony Trail resurfacing: No update.
- Todd sprayed deer repellent along the Saucony.
- Trash cleanups planned for early march and mid-April. The creek has crested its banks several times in the last couple of months. The recent floods have brought up some strange items along the creek including a spatula.
- The recent floods have also caused the Saucony Trail Bridges to wash out. Barricades are in place.
- The Butterflies of North Park and the Saucony Trail will be posted on the borough's website.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Underwood at 8:20 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheyenne Friscia.