

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Thursday July 6, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Todd Underwood at 7:05 pm.

1. Minutes from June 2023 meeting were approved with one minor edit.
2. Announcements
 - a. There will be a reception held at the Kutztown Historical Society (the 1892 building) on Saturday July 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm for Consul General David Gill of the German Consulate General New York. Kutztown's Mayor Jim Schlegel will present him with the key to the Borough. The KEAC team is welcome to attend.
 - b. The EAC will postpone discussion on a possible Noise and/or Nuisance Ordinance.
3. Public Comment
4. New Business
5. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Community Education
 - Lisa to find out the availability of new recipient for presentation. Most likely at the August Council meeting.
 - Possibility of developing a Junior Ranger/Environmentalist type program. Will discuss in August.
 - Cheyenne is going to put together a program to be posted on the KEAC website/Facebook page where each week a new native plant is featured and if appropriate, include the photo of the pollinators.
 - b. Water and Air Quality
 - New data on the six-month PCE testing of Monitoring Well 6a at the NESL quarry is due in the next couple of weeks. Will review new data at August meeting.
 - Keith plans to get an easy-to-use spreadsheet set up for Borough in Quarter 3 2023. This spreadsheet will help facilitate the data collection process for greenhouse gas data and inventory.
 - Lisa to let the Council know that EAC supports the commencement of PFAS s testing within our water system as soon as possible.
 - Keith's comments East Penn Manufacturing (EPM) air permit renewal request were reviewed. Agreed by all for Lisa to move forward with the letter so it can be reviewed by Council and approved at the July 18th meeting. This keeps the Borough within the 30-day review period. Note: This facility is the wire and cable division.

c. Recycling and Trash

- KK to continue to research a local company that will recycle glass as a possible alternative to paying the current vendor.

d. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)

- All new benches installed at pollinator gardens and dead trees removed at the Welcome Garden.
- The new intern is working out great and has been helping Todd trim and spread the mulch (donated by the school district) along the Saucony Creek trail. Todd has also sprayed deer repellent.
- As part of the grant, a sign will be developed and placed along the trail by the elementary school explaining the restoration project.

Motion to adjourn by Todd at 8:00 pm, 2nd by Cheyenne.