

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday July 7, 2025

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Todd Underwood (Chair), Kathy Kelly (Secretary) by Zoom, Lisa Ladd-Kidder (L-K) (Borough Council Liaison), Randy Wert by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Todd Underwood at 7:00 pm.

- Randy moved to approve the minutes from the June 2025 meeting and 2nd by Todd.
- Announcements: We welcome the newest member of our KEAC Team, Michael Downing.
- Public Comment: None
- New Business: None
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education
 - No update.
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Permit renewal SOLO: No response has been received as of the beginning of July. The letter was sent to them in April 2025. We will follow up in August.
 - The watershed report was approved by Borough Council and sent forward. Lisa L-K to meet with Rob Reynolds (Maxatawny Planning Commission) in July to discuss.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - Todd received a link to the PA Recycling Technical Assistance Program. Randy and Kathy to review and report at August meeting.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - Todd reported that the Borough has purchased 20 trees from the going out of business sale at Foliage Farms. These are to be planted by Foliage Farm at the Main Street Park between the Volleyball courts and Main Street. This space has had 60 trees removed over the last few years. The cost per tree, delivered and planted, is \$250 each. They are native oak and maple trees.
 - Todd reported that the EAC intern, Tom Lazoric, is on the job. He will focus on invasive plant control, mowing and clean-up of the White Oak garden. He will also update the Borough tree inventory.
 - Todd noted that the red oak tree planted by the Girl Scouts is doing quite well.
 - Todd noted that the hitching post at North Park is being used as intended.
 - Acorn planting was performed by the KU Ornithology Club in a hard to access area of North Park. 250-300 acorns were planted with 20-25 caged. Our new intern will plant ~100 acorns along the Saucony Trail.
 - No updated information on the Saucony Trail extension project.
 - Lisa L-K is going to do some research on air particulate and decibel monitoring in the area around the race track when the cars are racing. Citizens up to 6 blocks from the Fairgrounds are noting that the noise has increased from last year and so has the dust.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Underwood at 07:36pm, 2nd by Randy.