

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday June 5, 2023

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: 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 Keith Leinbach at 7:05 pm.

1. Minutes from May 2023 meeting were approved.
2. Announcements
 - a. Cheyenne reported that 135 trees and shrubs were planted. In addition, a grant was submitted for another 180 trees.
 - b. There is an intern from Kutztown State University who is mulching and watering along the Saucony trail and North Park.
 - c. Lisa will send the team a link to a new, free online environmental course.
 - d. Much discussion is ongoing at the Council concerning a Noise and/or Nuisance Ordinance. It started out with the Planning Commission but most likely will reside with Public Works. Lisa to send the team her thoughts and research on the matter. To be discussed at July meeting.
3. Public Comment
4. New Business
5. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Community Education
 - Environmental Stewardship Award: Cheyenne brought in the plaques for the new recipient and past recipients. All approved.
 - Lisa to find out the availability of new recipient for presentation. Most likely at the July or August Council meeting. Keith suggested Kutztown Day.
 - Two walks by the first graders along a new planting area.
 - Possibility of developing a Junior Ranger/Environmentalist type program. Will discuss when Todd is back.
 - Keith suggested putting photos of native plants on our website/Facebook to help educate people so as to help minimize introduction of invasive species. Will discuss when Todd is back.
 - b. Water and Air Quality
 - No new data on PCE testing of Monitoring Well 6a at the NESL quarry as well as Discharge point data. 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 2 2023. This spreadsheet will help facilitate the data collection process for greenhouse gas data and inventory.
- Lisa to obtain a contact at the Foundry regarding their schedule – 2 shifts or 3 shifts and how many days per week.

c. Recycling and Trash

- Per Lisa, Kutztown's Public Works reported that there appears to be no interest in glass recycling by our recycling company. The Borough will continue to recycle glass but there will be a charge. Keith suggested that we find a company that makes wine and/or beer bottles using recycled glass. KK to research.

d. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)

- A reminder that North Park Bridge is open and so is the park.

Motion to adjourn by KK at 8:00 pm, 2nd by Randy.