

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday March 4, 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, Lisa Foreback.

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

- Randy moved to approve the minutes from the February 2025 meeting and 2nd by Kathy.
- Announcements: Todd had a discussion with Robert Reynolds of the Maxatawny Board of Supervisors concerning an Ordinance requiring future developments to utilize hedgerows to help provide much needed landscape management, wildlife corridors, slowing soil erosion and supporting crop pollinators. Todd to provide advice for native plants to be utilized in this endeavor.
- Public Comment: None
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education
 - The KEAC webpage is current.
 - Native Plant of the month is updated through 2024. It was decided that we will let the activity “rest” as it is not getting many views.
 - Lisa provided a link to a PFAS pamphlet to be posted on our Facebook page. While it does not provide any new information, it is eye-catching, simple and colorful.
 - B. Water and Air Quality
 - Todd to provide us with a link to Environmental Working Group’s (EWG) report on Kutztown’s Water Quality, which was found to be in compliance with federal health-based drinking water standards.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - Electronics recycling was held Saturday March 1.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - Todd reported that the foot bridges on the North Park and Saucony Creek trails need to be rebuilt and could be possible Eagle Scout projects.
 - Todd to meet with Kutztown Area School District (KASD) Facilities Director, Richard Laubenstein, to lay out exactly where the improved trail will be located. Todd to also work with Dr. Courtney (KU Professor) to map out both the North Park Trail and the improved Saucony Trail.
 - Todd to talk with Brian Bailey to have the meadow by the pool mowed in preparation for the spring as well as having the new trail signs installed.
 - There will be a spring tree planting along the Saucony Creek. Date TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Underwood at 07:50 pm, 2nd by Randy.