

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday May 5, 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 and Cheyenne Friscia (KU Student Rep).

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

- Lisa F. moved to approve the minutes from the April 2025 meeting and 2nd by KK.
- Announcements: Cheyenne is graduating from KU this week. We wish her the best. She has been a valuable member of the team.
- Public Comment: None
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education
 - The KEAC webpage is current.
 - Todd will lead the first graders on a nature walk on May 7.
 - Todd gave a presentation to the Girl Scouts on April 23. The topic was native trees and the group wants to plant a tree in the Borough park. Todd will supply the tree and lead the planting effort.
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - SOLO Labs DEP permit renewal review letter generated by Todd and sent to SOLO after Borough Council approval. No response.
 - It is anticipated that the final draft of the SS&M will be sent to the Kutztown Water/Waste Water (W/WW) Committee this month for review.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - Borough electronic recycling to be held May 31, 2025.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - Lisa F. is working on the communication between the Scout Master and Brian Bailey in regard to rebuilding the foot bridges on the North Park and Saucony Creek trails as an Eagle Scout project.
 - There was a major trash cleanup along the Saucony Creek Trail during April. Todd was not sure who actually did the work but, it was done.
 - Todd reported that the EAC intern is slated to begin work by end of May. He has participated in past tree plantings.
 - The new meadow had its first herbicide application in the last week of April. There is no cost associated with the application.
 - No new information on trail extension.
 - There was a spring tree planting at North Park and along the road on 4/22-23. Work was mostly performed by KU students. In total 80 trees and shrubs were planted with the trees tubed and netting around the shrubs.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Underwood at 07:30 pm, 2nd by KK.