

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday November 3, 2025

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

- 7:00 pm, Randy moved to approve the minutes from the October 2025 meeting, 2nd by Mike.
- Announcements: Introduction of our newest team member, Tommy Lazorik. Welcome!!
- Public Comment: No guests.
- New Business: It is time for the 2025 Budget update. The allocated budget is \$1500, of which \$722 has been spent or allocated thus far for Deer Stopper Concentrate, a squirrel proof bird feeder and birdseed. Todd suggested that we prebuy shrubs for the spring with the \$778 remaining as there is no carry over of the money. All agreed that this was a good idea. We will be allocated \$1500 for 2026.
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education: No update
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Lisa L-K will meet again with Andrew Fetterman on 11/18/25 from 1:pm to 3:00 pm. Discussion will focus on the Quarry and the plume. If anyone has time and is interested, just let Lisa know. A comment that emerged from the October meeting was about the possibility of adding more monitoring wells.
 - Kathy reported on the top chemical categories for air quality testing, Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Carbon Oxides (COx), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), and Particulate Matter (PM), aka "Soot." Since the first three are gases and dissipate quickly with time, distance, and wind, it was decided to focus on the PM since this is a more tangible substance and can be collected manually. The question still is who can perform the testing? Kathy to look into this even though the actual testing will not occur until the 2026 racing season.
 - Mike was asking about the possibility of doing a summary of the recent PSU-Berks Webinar on water conservation. This summary would be posted on the KEAC web page and Facebook. All agreed that this would be a good idea.
 - Lisa L-K suggested a white paper be written as a means of getting the word out to residents on how to focus on Water Conservation emphasizing infrastructure items such as low usage toilets, no drip shower heads and water faucets as examples. Kathy will look up some examples of what other communities have done to encourage residents to lower water usage as a conservation method.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - In the near future, Todd will discuss the PA Recycling Technical Assistance Program with Brian Bailey, Public Works.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - The trees (approximately 20) from Foliage Farms are in the ground at the Main Street Park.

- Meadow seeding will occur on 11/15 along the Saucony Trail. This will be a hand seeding operation by KU students.
- It has been noted that the hitching post at North Park is in use.
- Fall tree planting: THE KU Ornithology Club planted approximately 50 trees along the Saucony Creek.

Motion to adjourn by Todd at 08:10pm, 2nd by Randy.