

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday October 6, 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, Andy Fetterman (Berks Nature), guest, Ed Seyler (Kutztown Water/Wastewater), guest; Kathy Kelly (Secretary) and Randy Wert by Zoom.

- Lisa F. moved to approve the minutes from the September 2025 meeting and 2nd by Mike.
- Announcements: Berks Nature (BN) Update: Andy Fetterman, a representative of Berks Nature, attended and participated in our meeting. He led an informative and in-depth discussion on the Borough's Saucony Watershed concerns as they relate to additional water usage from the Saucony Creek Watershed as well as quarry pumping, discharge, and movement of the PCE plume.
- Public Comment: It was reported that \$3,500 was approved by Council for an air quality study. Who will perform the testing will be discussed at the October meeting. Kathy will research the top chemical categories so that samples can be submitted for specific tests and identification. This will also be discussed at the October meeting.
- New Business: None
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education: No update
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Lisa L-K reported that the emergency edit to the Borough's Code for water usage is moving along. However, discussion on the establishment of an upper limit to Heavy Industry usage is not moving forward.
 - Discussion by all on Lisa L-K on her draft of a letter to Council for "A Call for a Moratorium on Increased Water Usage from the Saucony Creek Watershed."
 - Suggested that the Title be changed to "Restrictions" instead of "Moratorium" with a focus on Water Conservation emphasizing infrastructure items such as low usage toilets, no drip shower heads and water faucets as examples. This will be discussed in more depth at October's meeting.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - Todd submitted the summary and application to Brain Bailey, Public Works for the PA Recycling Technical Assistance Program.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - Saucony Trail update: Todd reported that the Burkholder farm owner is agreeable to extend the Saucony Trail. The School District wants to update the easement.
 - Fall tree planting: There are two tree plantings scheduled for the rest of 2025 which include Saucony Meadows. 2026 planting has yet to be scheduled.

Motion to adjourn by Mike at 08:35pm, 2nd by Randy.