

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Wednesday September 2, 2026

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Todd Underwood (Meeting Chair), Lisa Ladd-Kidder (L-K) (Borough Council Liaison), Mike Downing. By Zoom: Lisa Forebeck (F), Randy Wert and Kathy Kelly (Secretary). Guests: Michele Lopez, Kutztown Director of Community Development.

- At 7:00 pm, Randy moved to approve the minutes from the August 2026 meeting, 2nd by Mike.
- Announcements: None.
- Public Comment: None.
- EAC Budget: No expenses for 2026 have yet been submitted. Todd noted three purchases to be made this fall which are ~\$250 for bird boxes, ~\$100 for deer repellent and ~\$100 for winter bird seed. This will leave ~\$1100 left out of \$1500. Motion to approve by Mike and 2nd by Randy. Earlier this year, it was discussed that EAC would kick in \$625 and the Borough \$1800 for the Saucony Trail extension. Lisa L-K to verify.
- New Business: None.
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education: Todd requested that each team member write up a brief summary of their background for the benefit of Amanda and Michele. Deadline set for 9/16/2026.
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Lisa L-K has been in contact with Andy Fetterman, formerly of Berk's Nature. He has agreed to continue to work with us in the future.
 - A discussion on the Topton plume was led by Lisa L-K. She gave a summary of her meeting with Dr. Jacob Sewall, Geology Professor at KU, on the migration of the plume. He has suggested that there be continued interaction between DEP and the quarry.
 - C. Recycling and Trash: No update.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - Enclosures measuring 4 feet x 16 feet will be installed at North Park to protect new trees and keep the deer out. This has been used successfully at Hawk Mountain. The fencing is leftover material used on prior projects and will be installed by volunteers during October and November.
 - Michele reported that Amanda Coaxum, Borough Manager, has sent an addendum to the Easement letter to the lawyers. Borough Council needs to approve Easement letter, then the School District needs to approve.
 - North Park habitat restoration 2026-27: Todd has been in contact with Berk's Nature and they have agreed to help. The new contact is Brooke Leister.
 - Lisa F. to follow up with Owen Macfarlane and the Boy Scout troop as to any funds to be handed over to EAC.
 - Saucony Trail dumping: Todd found a pile of concrete and dirt dumped along the Creek. He has identified the culprit and will discuss it with them.

Motion to adjourn by Randy at 0742 pm, 2nd by Mike.