

## Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday August 4, 2025

In-person meeting at Kutztown Borough Hall: EAC Members: Randy Wert, Meeting Chair, Lisa Ladd-Kidder (L-K) (Borough Council Liaison), Lisa Foreback, Mike Downing (our newest team member) and Fred Englehardt, guest.

- Lisa F. moved to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy.
- Announcements: We welcome the newest member of our KEAC Team, Michael Downing. Mike let the team know that he is experienced in writing grants.
- Public Comment: Fred Englehardt was present to discuss concerns of the air quality and increase in particulate matter as well as increase in noise from the races at the Fairgrounds. Kutztown does have a Dust Ordinance (Part II of General Legislation, Chapter 168 Public Health, Nuisances, Article II Air Pollution. Race Tracks are included in Section 168-17 Roads and Streets). This Borough Code is enforceable. Kathy is going to investigate how to get either test equipment or a company to set up monitoring equipment for both race times and non-race times (to establish a baseline). Data is the best way to demonstrate that this is a real health concern. Campbell Scientific was suggested as a starting point for air quality and noise testing.
- New Business: Since CJ Penzone has been absent from any KEAC activities for 2025, Randy motioned to have him removed and this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa F. This request will be sent to Todd for final approval.
- Subcommittee Reports
  - A. Community Education
    - No update.
  - B. Water and Air Quality.
    - Permit renewal SOLO: Comments were received during the month of July. Their responses were accepted by the KEAC, awaiting formal approval from Todd.
  - C. Recycling and Trash
    - Todd received a link to the PA Recycling Technical Assistance Program. Randy and Kathy both reviewed the Program and presented it to the team. All agreed that the Borough should pursue this once Todd approves this and forwards our approval to Brain Bailey, Public Works.
  - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
    - No updates.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy at 07:50pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy.