

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday December 1, 2025

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

- 7:00 pm, Lisa F. moved to approve the minutes from the November 2025 meeting, 2nd by Randy.
- Announcements: KEAC meeting date change due to holidays: 1/7/26 Wed, 9/2/26 Wed
- Public Comment: Guest Fred Englehardt. He reported that the Borough is working on a noise ordinance with Ostergaard Acoustical Associates. Also, on 12/17 there is a court date for Action Track for fine assessment issued by the Borough.
- New Business: Todd bought more bird seed for the winter bringing the total budget spent to \$1350 of \$1500. He suggested that we purchase blue bird house kits for \$16 each (total of 9 kits). These would be assembled by the KU Ornithology club and be placed around the meadow come spring
- 2025 EAC annual summary: Todd asked if anyone would be willing to help draft the report. Mike Downing volunteered to generate a draft.
- Subcommittee Reports

A. Community Education:

- Mike inquired as the feasibility of including KEAC in community events and use it as a platform for educating the public on assorted topics such as recycling and water conservation. Todd said this has been done in the past whenever the community events take place.
- Kathy to post a link for all to reference and possibly post to the borough website for water conservation. <https://greenport.pa.gov/elibrary>. This is the DEP elibrary and contains information on PA DEP Water Conservation tips. A reference that is very useful is “Drop by Drop: Use Water Wisely during a Drought” and applies to daily water use.

B. Water and Air Quality.

- Lisa L-K sent out a draft of a letter to PA DEP regarding the quarry and PCE testing. The team to review and comment to Lisa L-K by Friday 12/5/25.
- Kathy identified three test labs that will test PM's. Information to be sent to team members to review and kept for future reference. Kathy also reported that surfactant used by Action Track USA to keep the dust down on the racetrack is PA DEP approved as required by the PA DEP Publication “Dust Palliatives (MS-0440-0020).

C. Recycling and Trash

- No update.

D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)

- Two issues have come up at North park. The first is the presence of tire tracks from the parking lot into the park itself. It is thought that it may be Borough vehicles making their rounds in the park. The second is the presence of ATV tracks through the park. This needs to be monitored and possibly place additional signage at the park.

- Hand meadow seeding will occur on 11/15 along the Sacony Trail. 6 KU Ornithology students are continuing the process as they work around the weather.
- Sacony trail work is continuing to move forward. The School District has requested an updated easement agreement. Lisa L-K will check with Public Works on the status. Todd will need to order new sign posts for the extension.

Motion to adjourn by Todd at 08:06pm, 2nd by Lisa F.