

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Monday June 1, 2026

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

Public Guests: Owen Macfarlane, local Eagle Scout Candidate Troop 101, Andrew MacFarlane from Troop 101.

- 7:01 pm, Lisa F. moved to approve the minutes from the May 2026 meeting, 2nd by Mike.
- Announcements: None.
- Public Comment: None.
- New Business:
 - Discussion pertaining to the “Inclusion of KEAC in Borough Decision Making,” moved to the July 2026 meeting. However, it is requested that all review Lisa’s draft and comments prior to the meeting.
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education:
 - Mike reported that the KEAC updates will be included when the Borough newsletter goes out later in the year.
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Continued discussion on the comments generated on the Noise Ordinance Draft will be reviewed at the July 2026 meeting. All are encouraged to submit their comments to Mike who will draft a letter to the Community Development Committee outlining our comments and recommendations. A process will need to be developed to manage this ordinance.
 - Berk’s Nature has recently undergone a restructuring and Andrew Fetterman is no longer employed by them.
 - Recycling and Trash: No update.
 - C. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - The new summer intern, Henry Leardl has begun his work of clearing weeds, trimming, and applying deer repellent.
 - Todd reported that the cover crop in the meadow had been mowed. Mowing will be on an as needed basis during the summer.
 - The 15 new trees, delivered to North Park by Andrew Fetterman (many thanks) from Berk’s Nature, were planted, 2 by the elementary school first graders and 13 by the KU Ornithology students.
 - The Boy Scout bridge replacement project is moving forward. An update was given to the team by Owen Macfarlane, the Eagle Scout candidate leading the project. Owen reported that \$900 was generated from the fund raiser. He will update the team when the work date is finalized for June.

Motion to adjourn by Mike at 07:53 pm, 2nd by Lisa F.