

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission Minutes

Wednesday September 3, 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, Fred Englehardt, guest; Kathy Kelly (Secretary) and Randy Wert by Zoom.

- Mike moved to approve the minutes from the August 2025 meeting and 2nd by Randy.
- Announcements: Berks Nature (BN) Update: Andy Fetterman, a representative of Berks Nature, will attend the next KEAC meeting. Todd has met with him and supplied him with data and reports on the quarry and PCE information. He is a professional Geologist and Lisa L-K will meet with him on Friday (9/5/25) to discuss water issues.
 - In addition, Larry Lloyd, a long-time employee, is no longer working at BN. Todd has been in contact with him, and he is interested in continuing to work on the Saucony Trail Extension and other open projects.
- Public Comment: Fred Englehardt was present to follow up discussion concerning 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). There has been enforcement of this with the race track. General consensus is that a study needs to be performed as how to best measure and quantify pollutants and dust in the air. Kathy will research the top chemical categories so that samples can be submitted for specific tests and identification. Fred also suggested that it may be helpful to collect samples from vehicles and porches after race night and submit them to a certified test lab. The question still remains as to how to pay for the testing.
- New Business: None
- Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Community Education
 - KU Entomology class will be doing an insect night study at North park 9/5-6/2025
 - B. Water and Air Quality.
 - Discussion on water usage in Maxatawny Township specifically the new Townhouse development at RT, 222 bypass and College Boulevard and its impact on Kutztown and the Saucony Creek watershed. It was discovered that there is a type on the Borough's Code for water usage for Heavy Industry (Borough Code: Chapter 225-21, B.1). The reported allowable usage is 15,000 gallons per Minute (GPM) and it should be Gallons per Day (GPD). Todd will send an email to the Zoning Commission pointing this out and request an emergency edit.
 - C. Recycling and Trash
 - Randy will write up a brief summary of the PA Recycling Technical Assistance Program. Todd will then forward to Brian Bailey, Public Works.
 - D. Parks and Trails -Todd Underwood (chair)
 - EAC Intern work: Tommy Lazorak is done for the summer and did an excellent job. He cleaned up the White Oak garden and kept the Saucony Trail in great shape. He did such a terrific job that PW has offered him to come back next year.

- Saucony Trail update: There is still hope to extend the trail. Todd and Larry Lloyd are still in communication with the farm.
- The trees from Foliage Farms, purchased at the reduced price, have not yet arrived.
- Fall tree planting: About 50 small trees and shrubs to be planted. All of the trees planted last year will be paid for by Berks County. Todd has supplied all of the required supporting data. To date, the Borough has not yet been reimbursed.
- Signs for “Horse Parking” have been posted at North Park.
- It was brought up by Lisa F. that some of the trees near the auction house along the Saucony Creek Trailhead do not look very healthy. Todd will monitor.

Motion to adjourn by Todd at 08:20pm, 2nd by Mike.