

July 27, 2021  
Kutztown, PA

A Special meeting of the Kutztown Borough Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Kutztown Train Station by the President, Mr. Kevin Snyder, with other members of Borough Council present: Mr. Edwin Seyler, Mr. Derek Mace, Ms. Arabel Elliott and the Mayor, Mr. James Schlegel. Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager/Treasurer; Ms. Andrea Rahn, Assistant Borough Secretary; KCP representative Sandy Green; Maxatawny Township representative Steve Wilson; Council Member applicants John Fry, George Kusterer, Jason Barkley and Lisa Ladd-Kidder; residents Denise Bosler and Warren Shaub were also present.

President Snyder opened the meeting by stating that tonight's Special Council meeting is to appoint two applicants to fill two Council positions in Ward 2 and their committee vacancies. Each applicant will be able to give an opening statement prior to their interview. All applicants must be a registered voter and be a resident in their respective Ward for at least one year to be considered for the position. President Snyder stated that he is pleasantly surprised and appreciative of the amount of applicants. President Snyder reviewed the committee openings that are required to be filled along with the Council position.

Mayor Schlegel commented that each applicant should be committed to attend their committee meetings if selected to Council.

The first applicant interviewed was John Fry.

The second applicant interviewed was George Kusterer.

The third applicant interviewed was Lisa Ladd-Kidder.

The fourth applicant interviewed was Jason Barkley.

The fifth applicant, Scott Piscitelli, was interviewed via phone conference call.

President Snyder closed Council interviews.

A motion was made by Mr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to appoint Lisa Ladd-Kidder as a Council member.

A motion was made by Mr. Seyler, seconded by President Snyder, to appoint Scott Piscitelli as a Council member.

A motion was made by Mr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to appoint John Fry as a Council member.

President Snyder asked if there were any other nominations. After no other nominations were announced, President Snyder closed the nominations.

President Snyder called for a vote to appoint Lisa Ladd-Kidder as a Council member. Passed by unanimous vote.

President Snyder called for a vote to appoint Scott Piscitelli as a Council member. President Snyder and Mr. Seyler approved, Mr. Mace and Ms. Elliott opposed. There being a tie, Mr. Piscitelli was not appointed.

President Snyder called for a vote to appoint John Fry as a Council member. Mr. Mace and Ms. Elliott approved, President Snyder and Mr. Seyler opposed. There being a tie, Mr. Fry was not appointed.

President Snyder appointed Lisa Ladd-Kidder to the following committees: Telecommunications & Information Technologies (Chairperson), Public Works and Water/Wastewater.

Lisa Ladd-Kidder resigned her position with the Planning Commission.

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Mr. Mace reopened nominations to other candidates.

A motion was made by Mr. Seyler, seconded by Mr. Mace, to appoint George Kusterer as a Council member.

A motion was made by Mr. Mace, seconded by Mr. Seyler, to appoint Scott Piscitelli as a Council member.

President Snyder called for a vote to appoint George Kusterer as a Council member. Passed by unanimous vote.

President Snyder appointed George Kusterer to the following committees: Community Development & Public Safety (Chairperson), Personnel, Telecommunications & Information Technologies.

A motion was made by Mr. Mace, seconded by Mr. Seyler, Resolved, To accept Lisa Ladd-Kidder's resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Passed by unanimous vote.

President Snyder stated that this will now leave a vacancy for the Planning Commission.

Mr. Mace thanked all applicants.

Mayor Schlegel swore in both Lisa Ladd-Kidder and George Kusterer as Council members.

A motion was made by Mr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Elliott, Resolved, To adjourn the Special Council meeting upon vote. Passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:42 p.m.

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