

**Environmental Commission Meeting
October 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn

The members of the Commission had gathered at 6:00 pm at the Honor Grove at Creekside Park in order to plant a tree in memory of Rodney Spencer, the Commission's Parks Board Representative who had recently died unexpectedly.

In Attendance

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Veronica Craig
Becky Montag
Tom Nault
Gwen Ritchie
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

Absent

Rita Rings
Two positions remain open following resignations

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 2nd, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles

Gwen shared four articles—Plans by Columbus to plant 300,000 trees, the first Marsh Lake public meeting, the nature of an algal bloom, and the varieties of milkweed. Becky presented a listing, rating, and cost of nine apps related to trees. Tom shared an article entitled "Grow Trees with Ease."

Hours Spent on EC Activities

Dave/1, Greg/2, Roni/13.5, Becky/1, Tom/15, Gwen/13

Adopt-A-Roadway

Greg is responsible for September/October. He reported the good news that he had collected not even one-quarter bag of trash in September.

Parks Board Report

Bob reported that the 2016 Operating Budget is well along in the approval process. The firm Brandstetter & Carrol has been chosen for the Harbin Park update.

Parks Department Report

Bob reported that the City may not get the deed for the additional property at Marsh Lake until 2016 because Martin-Marietta has not yet finalized a grading plan and met ODNR standards for the transfer.

The Parks Department is not interested in Gwen's offer of iris bulbs from the Elisha Morgan Mansion.

The Tree City sign on S. Gilmore Road has been placed past the intersection with Mack Road. Another sign is planned for River Road.

The honeysuckle removal project at Harbin Park, originally envisioned by Sara Fehring, has been taken over by her replacement Amy Hall-Spegal. The event is scheduled for October 24th and Amy Hall-Spegal is scheduled to attend the November EC meeting.

There are plans to remove 179 street-tree stumps and some 25 stumps on Park property.

Commissioner Reports

There were no new nominees for the Friends of Fairfield Forest award.

Other Business

Dave requested a thorough inspection of the health of the plantings at the Honor Grove.

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting—Tuesday October 20th, 2015 at 6:00 pm @ CAC

EC Meeting—Wednesday November 4th, 2015 at 6:00 pm @ CAC

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm