

**Environmental Commission Meeting
October 5, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn

In Attendance

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Veronica Craig
Donna Faulk
Rita Rings
Gwen Ritchie
Joe Stoeber
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation representative

Absent: Greg LoBuono, Dave Sheehan, Dean Bruewer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the Sept 7, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles

Rita shared OSU Extension Fact Sheet: Attracting Pollinators to the Garden ENT-47-14. Dave C shared an article on cocoa mats, suggested these for the tree nursery. Roni had a Journal newspaper article on private owners selling their private forest to carbon polluters to offset their pollution impacts. Roni attended an event that day and discussed some honeysuckle removal practices from other communities (spray honeysuckle with diluted Roundup on leaves when all other plants have dropped their leaves yet honeysuckle is still leafed. (5qts of Roundup to 100 gallons of water).

Hours Spent on EC Activities

Dave C/2.5, Veronica/7, Rita/5, Gwen/5, Dave S/not reported, Joe/17 (wow).

Adopt-A-Roadway

Rita was responsible for September/October.

Parks Board Report— Bob Schappacher for Dean Bruewer

The city has hired someone to revamp the entire city website.

Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher

- The Committee reviewed the Tree Pruning Booth at the Farmer's Market held September 21st and the surveys obtained. It appears this was received well by those that stopped by the booth. This was suggested to be a topic at the Home Expo next spring.

- Creekside park – 16 trees ordered, name plaques ordered, planting planned for the end of October.
- Tree City USA 2016 application – Bob will be putting this together for the deadline of Dec 2nd.
- Misc: Greg LoBuono resigned from the EC Commission due to health issues. He has been a member for 6.5 years and will be missed. There was also discussion on the Fairfield golf courses that have taken a beating this year due to weather and budget cutbacks.

Commissioner Reports

There was one nomination submitted for the 2016 Friends of Fairfield Forest award.

Other Business – No discussion

Calendar/Programs

Parks Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm @ City Building

EC Meeting - November 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Great Miami River Clean-up – Saturday, Oct 22, 2016 @ 9:00 am

Brush Chipping – October 8th @ Groh Ln 8:00 am – Noon

Honeysuckle Removal – October 8th @ Harbin Park – 9:00 am - Noon

2017 Tree City Luncheon – April 21, 2017 in Lebanon, OH

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm