

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
September 7, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn**

**In Attendance**

Dave Colteryahn, chair  
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair  
Donna Faulk  
Rita Rings  
Gwen Ritchie  
Dave Sheehan  
Dean Bruewer, Parks Board liaison  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation representative

**Absent**

Tom Nault  
Veronica Craig  
Joe Stoeber

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the August 3rd, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles**

Rita discussed an article on the City of Montgomery and their recycling efforts. A short discussion took place on what the City of Fairfield does and what the parks department does at each special event. Bob discussed the article that was in the Journal News on the Living Legacy Tree Program at Creekside Park.

**Hours Spent on EC Activities**

Dave Colteryahn/1, Greg/1 Rita/2, Dave Sheehan/2, Gwen/3, and Roni 1.

**Adopt-A-Roadway**

Gwen was responsible for July/August. Gwen said the garbage was normal and nothing unusual was picked up. Rita Rings is responsible for Sept/Oct.

**Parks Board Report— Dean Bruewer**

The meeting was held at North Trace Golf Course. A short presentation was made to the outgoing board member Bob Myron was done. The next Harbin Park master plan public input meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher**

Planning for the tree pruning booth was discussed and the following items were finalized. Rita will organize a short survey to hand out to the customers after they listen to the seminar. Bob will make copies of the pruning guidelines and the survey and have them ready for the night of. Gwen will bring the three different types of tools that are needed to show the residents. David S will write up the marketing advertisement and forward to Dave C for final review.

Harbin Park Master plan design was presented to the board and a short discussion followed. The board commented that they wanted to make sure that as many mature trees should be saved in the renovation process up at Harbin Park.

Bob explained the improvements of Village Green Park to the board and how city staff removed several trees and pruned up all of the other trees in the park. These trees were removed for safety reasons and for the health of the overcrowding of the trees.

Bob discussed with the board that due to the article in the paper on the Creekside Park that we have had over 14 trees sold for the fall planting.

Bob explained to the board that the EAB web page has been updated and that the EAB plan has been reviewed. The board was informed that long time board member Tom Nault has resigned from the EC board effective immediately.

### **Commissioner Reports**

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

EC Communication initiative- David S will write up the information for the tree pruning seminar and forward to Dave C for final approval.

### **Other Business**

Dave C brought up that the maple trees at Huffman need to be pruned soon. Also there were a couple of other maintenance items that were discussed to be handled by the city staff. The trees at Creekside Park should still be watered for the next several weeks.

### **Calendar**

Parks Board Meeting—Tuesday September 20th at 6:00 pm @ North Trace

EC Meeting—October 5th at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Tree Pruning program at Farmers Market – Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 pm.

Great Miami River Clean-up – Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 am.

### **Programs**

Brush Chipping—September 10th @ Groh Lane 8:00 am to Noon.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm**