

**Environmental Commission Meeting
April 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn

In Attendance

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Tom Nault
Rita Rings
Gwen Ritchie
Dave Sheehan
Joe Stoeber
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

Absent

Veronica Craig

New Member Introductions

Joe Stoeber has been appointed to fill a vacated position ending March 31, 2018
Dave Sheehan has been appointed to a normal three-year position ending March 31, 2019

Reappointments

Gwen and Tom have been reappointed to three-year terms ending March 31, 2019

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 2nd, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles

Rita reported that “Trees for the Earth” was the official Earth Day global theme this year. There is a pledge form that can be signed on www.earthday.org. Dave Colteryahn reported on the status of the invasive threat posed by ornamental pear trees.

Hours Spent on EC Activities

Dave Colteryahn/4, Greg/1.5, Rita/2, Tom/10, Gwen/8, and Roni/6.

Adopt-A-Roadway

Tom is responsible for March/April
The balance of 2016 has been assigned as follows:

May/June—Roni
July/August—Gwen
September/October—Rita
November/December—Dave Sheehan and Joe

Parks Board Report—Bob Schappacher

Interviews were conducted for potential CAC and EC members.

Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher

Dave Colteryahn, Greg, Roni, and Gwen are planning to attend the Tree City USA awards luncheon on Friday, April 22nd.

Duke Energy is sponsoring an Earth Day celebration on April 22nd at Huffman Park.

The Arbor Day proclamation is scheduled for the Council meeting on April 25th.

The official Arbor Day celebration will take place at the Environmental Commission booth at the Farmers Market on April 27th.

There will be an Arbor Day celebration at Huffman Park on April 29th.

Bob is finalizing availability of safety vests for the EC Adopt-A-Roadway activities.

Commissioner Reports

Nomination forms for the Friends of Fairfield Forest award were reviewed. Following a voting process, the 2016 winner was Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA) in recognition of its extensive volunteer maintenance activities along the mountain bike trail at Harbin Park.

Runners-up were Chuck Ullrich and Duke Energy. The presentation will be held on Monday April 25th at the Council meeting.

The Arbor Day Proclamation will read by the mayor at the same Council Meeting on April 25th.

Preparation for the EC booth at the May 14th Home Improvement Expo was scheduled for the May 4th EC meeting.

Dave Colteryahn presented a detailed proposal for a newly-planted tree maintenance program.

Bob will meet with Dave Butsch concerning this proposal.

Other Business

Tom reported that the Fairfield Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America has voted to donate five trees to kick-start the Huffman Park nursery. These trees will be in addition to the 45 trees to be planted by 4th graders at Huffman Park later this month.

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting—Tuesday April 19th at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Tree City USA Awards Luncheon—Friday April 22nd at West Carrollton

Farmers Market Booth—Wednesday April 27th at Village Green Park 4:00 to 7:00 pm

EC Meeting—May 4th at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Fairfield Home Improvement Expo—May 14th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm @ CAC

Programs

Brush Chipping—April 9th at Groh Lane 8:00 am to noon

Let's Go Hiking—April 16th at Harbin Park 10:30 am to noon (FREE)

Senior Nature Series—May 2nd at Harbin Park 1:00 to 2:00 pm (FREE)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm