

**Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

Dave Colteryahn, chair

Greg LoBuono, vice-chair

Tom Nault

Gwen Ritchie

Adam Sackenheim

Becky Montag

Chuck Ullrich

Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

Rodney Spencer, Parks Board Liaison

**Absent:** Veronica Craig

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for last month's meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles:** Tom discussed an article from the *Journal News* that was called "Do I need to cut down that tree".

Dave discussed an article from *The Enquirer* that talked about "What happens to those trees that fall victim to ash borer?"

**Hours Spent on EC Activities:** Dave/2, Greg/1.5, Tom/6, Gwen/3, Chuck/1, Adam/2, Rodney/1

**Adopt-a-Roadway:** Tom will do the March/April clean-up as weather permits.

**Parks Board Report**

Rodney reported that the Board had the youth soccer organizations at the meeting to give the annual report to the board on what projects they have completed in the last year and what projects they are going to complete for the coming year. Overall the organizations are doing very well. For the March Board meeting the members interviewed candidates for the Environmental Commission and the candidates for the CAAC committee. Recommendations will be made to council this week for the next council meeting.

**Parks Department Report**

**Website statistics:** The January and February results were not available do to the IT department revamping the web site. The March numbers will be available at the April EC board Meeting.

**Tree City USA Awards Luncheon:** Bob asked what all board members would like to attend the Tree City Luncheon on April 17<sup>th</sup> and there were 6 members that said they were available and would like to attend. Bob will process the registration and make payment to the City of Wyoming for all attending.

**Home Expo** – Bob had made a schedule for all the members that had said that they were available to work for the Home Expo. There are two different shifts, one in the morning from 8:30 am until noon and one from 11:45 am until 3:00 pm. Rodney had volunteered to be there to take the board members picture at noon.

**Miscellaneous:** Bob had asked Dave if he would be available to finish placing the tree markers that the city had bought for Huffman Park late last year. Dave said he would, and so Bob provided him a copy of the landscape plan with all of the trees identified on it to assist him. Bob will also email Dave the combination of the lock on the storage shed at Huffman Park.

### **Commissioner Reports**

**Extra Meeting:** Dave wanted to thank everyone for attending this extra meeting since it was not on the regular scheduled night.

**Miami University Professional Service Projects:** Dave, Adam and Bob meet with Suzie Zazycki prior to this board meeting to discuss the possibility of the Miami University Students doing a tree inventory for the City of Fairfield. More discussion will have to take place but as of right now it looks like that it should be able to happen. The students would begin at the end of August of 2015 and finish up in the middle of May, 2016. Dave thanked Adam for all of his work on this project.

**Master Plan – Ideas for EC participation:** Gwen discussed how we could place Geo Cache into some of the smaller parks and that would create more visitors to those types of parks. Greg suggested creating small walking routes throughout the City of Fairfield that would make those walking the routes go through several parks along their route. Bob discussed that the tree inventory would be a program that would work towards items that are in the master plan. He also mentioned to educate the youth to increase the environmental awareness and conservation ethics of the Fairfield youth through programs at Huffman Park.

### **Other Business**

**TCA Project for Freshman Class:** Tom and Gwen reported that their freshman project was going to be how they could improve the Arbor Day Celebration at the Home Expo. They are planning on having more information available and also more information on the three different trees that we are going to be handing out. They also discussed about making a few recommendation to the City of Fairfield tree ordinance.

**Calendar:**

Parks Board Meeting -- Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., CAC  
TCA Sophomore Class -- March 23 & 24, 2015, 8:30 am, Hamilton, OH  
EC Meeting -- Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., CAC  
Fairfield Home Improvement Expo -- April 11, 2015. 9:00 a.m., CAC  
Arbor Day Proclamation at City Council Mgt. – April 13, at 7:00 pm.  
Tree City USA Awards Luncheon -- Friday, April 17, 2015, City of Wyoming

**Adjournment:** 7:08 p.m.