

**Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** Adam Sackenheim, Chuck Ullrich, Rodney Spencer, Parks Board Liaison

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 after one spelling correction.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles:**

Greg provided the Tree City meeting brochure for review by those who could not attend. Tom distributed milkweed seeds to those who were interested. They were provided at no charge by the Cincinnati Nature Center. Milkweed to Monarchs is a signature initiative of the Center for Conversation & Stewardship at Cincinnati Nature Center.

**Hours Spent on EC Activities:**

Dave/15, Greg/11.5, Veronica/10, Tom/10, Gwen/11, Becky/9, Rita/3.5

**Adopt-a-Roadway:**

Becky did at the end of April. Fairly clean. Gwen has May/June.

**Parks Board Report**

Bob gave the report for Rodney.  
Jim Bell is working on a Harbin Park renovation design.  
Memorial Day celebration—parade followed by 11:00 a.m. unveiling of a “Gold Star Families” memorial at Veterans Park.

**Parks Department Report**

**Website statistics**

No statistics available.

## **Joint Board Meeting with City of Hamilton 5/14/2015**

Meet at CAC at 6:00 p.m. Take parks vehicle and, depending upon weather, stop at Greenwood Cemetery enroute to meeting.

### **Miscellaneous**

Bob announced that EC member Adam Sackenheim has been hired as the Fairfield Director for Public Utilities. Adam will be resigning from the EC Commission. Our congratulations to Adam.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Home Expo Booth — Follow-up**

Total number of trees was good. New offering of small/medium/large trees was successful. New informational handout with each tree seemed to be well received  
For next year:

Do a better job of controlling distribution, especially during the initial rush.  
Aggressively promote the Legacy Tree program  
Provide a short suggested list of appropriate trees to replace dead ash trees.  
Provide a listing of tree resources available at the Lane Library.

#### **Friends of Fairfield Forest—nomination form**

Agreed to make this an item of Standing Business for future meetings  
Bob will maintain a folder with applications throughout the year. Duke Energy is the first business nominee.  
Need to continually suggest how to get others involved.

#### **Summer Schedule for EC meetings**

Decided to see how quorums go

#### **Other Business**

Becky expressed concern about the unsatisfactory state of the street trees on the lower end of Woodridge Boulevard. Bob will mark trees for removal.

#### **Calendar:**

Free concert with Blues and Barbecue at Huffman Park—Saturday May 9th at 6:00 p.m.  
Joint Meeting with City of Hamilton—Thursday May 14th at 6:30 p.m.  
Parks Board Meeting—Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m.  
EC Meeting—June 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 7:13 p.m.