

**ERCFC  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 2008**

**In Attendance:**

Kris Roselle, Chair  
Karen Fields  
Tom Walsh  
Mike Lane  
Steve Welte  
Veronica Craig  
Ben Strickler, Parks and Recreation Representative  
Bob Breen, Parks Board Liaison

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

**Minutes:** Last month's meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

**Standing Business**

**Website Statistics:** Ben reported that ERCFC's overall page use is up, especially the home page. The city has hired a new web editor.

**Correspondence/Articles:** Tom shared the Nov/Dec *Arbor Day*. Veronica had an *Echo* article about Fairfield's recycling efforts and *Enquirer* coverage of Spring Grove Cemetery's tree loss during the recent storm.

Veronica reported that she had e-mailed the family who asked about obtaining a recycling bin to let them know how to get one at no charge.

**Hours Spent on ECFC Activities:** Mike worked 2 hours, Steve 4 and Tom 6. Veronica, Karen and Bob each had 1. Kris will report her hours next month.

**Adopt-a-Roadway:** Steve did October/November's clean-up and returned the supplies.

**Parks Board Report**

Bob was unable to attend their meeting, but he reported that the Nuxhall Pavilion plan was discussed. Their next meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Commission Reports**

**Municipal Tree Nursery:** Kris will re-visit possible nursery locations with Dave Crouch.

**Display Board:** A display board belonging to the City was set up at the meeting. Ben stated that the ERCFC may borrow it when needed.

**Memorial Tree Grove:** Ben reported on a multi-departmental meeting to launch the project. Creek work for erosion control was discussed. A plastic honeycomb material will be used for the walkway in place of asphalt because it is cheaper and more environmentally friendly. A shelter was discussed. Funding could possibly come from donations or a service project. The ERCFC will have input into what plan is chosen.

Steve questioned the possibility of an overlook above the creek. Ben mentioned that there was talk of a bridge, but it would be expensive and is not a priority at this time.

**Well Field Trees:** Kris contacted Dwight Culberson, but had not yet gotten a response. Mike will take over this project and check the easements. Dwight will be leaving the City of Fairfield.

**GPS/Street Tree Inventory:** Tom met with Derek Hunter, who demonstrated how to use the City's GPS unit. Derek was very willing to help and felt that most of the information needed by the ERCFC could be recorded in this manner. More field work is needed, but if the Commission decides on a format, he will try and set it up. This system should be accurate to within 3 feet.

**Tree City USA Awards:** Ben explained that all information must be submitted to Wendi by December 5<sup>th</sup>. The ERCFC reviewed this year's accomplishments and decided on categories to earn points toward the award.

**Recycling Contest:** Oxford's numbers are up. Fairfield's are down. The bin drop-off was done in October.

**Sustainability Plan:** ERCFC reviewed the original draft and the amended version. A vote was taken and the plan approved. It will go to Parks Board next week.

**Nominations for Friends of Fairfield's Forest Awards:** Kris suggested that discussion and nominations be delayed until next month. All members agreed.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 6:00 pm, CAC

**Calendar:**

Parks Board Meeting – 11/11/2008  
ERCFC Meeting – 12/3/2008  
Home Expo – April 4, 2009  
Tree City Luncheon – in Hamilton on 4/17/2009

**Adjournment:** at 7:51 pm.