

Environmental Commission Meeting
January 2, 2019 6:30 pm Community Arts Center

The January meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn.

In Attendance:

Dave Colteryahn, Chair
Amelia Geiser, Vice Chair
Vivian Paul
David Sheehan
Gwen Ritchie, Parks Board Liaison
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

Absent:

Donna Faulk
Dyanna Wilson
Joe Stoeber

Approval of Minutes: No Minutes were approved.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles:

Gwen Ritchie shared the 2019 Home Horticulture Series brochure with the board members. Vivian Paul had an article that discussed the benefits of a real Christmas tree compared to an artificial tree.

Hours Spent on Environmental Commission Activities:

Dave C/.5; David .5; Amelia /1; Vivian/.5

Adopt-a-Roadway: David Sheehan is scheduled in January/February for clean-up. Vivian Paul selected March/April and Ann Otten selected May/June and Amelia Geiser selected July/August.

Parks Board Report

Bob Schappacher gave the report that the parks board discussed updates on the Harbin Park renovations and the Dog Park construction. The Dog Park contractor started moving dirt and clearing of the brush and debris. The Harbin Park project is still working on construction drawings so once they are done the City of Fairfield could go out to bid in the spring of 2019.

Parks Department Report

Bob Schappacher reported that the deadline for the Warren County Tree seedling purchase is March 13th. So the board will have to decide on what trees they would like by then. Bob gave the board the list of seedlings that were available and the board members were asked to look over the list and have their selections at the February board meeting.

Commission Reports

Dave Colteryahn asked our guest Ann Otten to talk a little bit about why she had interest in attending the EC Board meeting tonight. She mentioned that council member Leslie Besl suggested that the EC Board would be a great spot to get involved in volunteering. Dave Colteryahn discussed with the board what members were coming up for re-appointment this year. There were two current members that terms were up and two vacant positions that were to be filled. Dave Colteryahn announced to the board that he would not be reapplying for his position thus leaving the chair position open after March 31st. Dave asked Bob Schappacher to send out a short email to the board members so that we could get an understanding of who might be interested in holding the chair position.

Friends of Fairfield Forest: Dave Colteryahn nominated one organization for this award.

EC Communication Initiative: There was no new discussion on this item.

Education Items for Website: Vivian Paul discussed composting and possible having this available at the Home Expo booth and information on the cities website in the future for residents to read about. Vivian said that she would reach out the Butler County Soil and Water to get assistants on the composting idea. David Sheehan said that he would create a small information sheet to hand out at the Home Expo to remind residents of the board's tree seedling giveaway on April 17th at the Farmers Market.

Other Business

Vivian Paul asked Bob Schappacher if the Pear tree has been taken off of the allowed street tree list that is posted online. Bob said that he would check and make sure it was. Ann discussed with the board the amount of trash that she sees along the road ways around Harbin Park and asked what could be done about it.

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday January 15th, 2019 @ 6:00 pm @ CAC

EC Meeting – February 6th, 2019 @ 6:30 pm @ CAC

Home Expo – March 16th, 2019 at 9:00 am @ CAC

Farmers Market Tree Seedling giveaway- April 17th, 2019

2019 Tree City Luncheon – April 26th, 2019 in Centerville, OH

Programs

Let's Go Hiking – Saturday February 16th @ Harbin Park 10:30 am - Noon

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.