

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
September 4th, 2019 6:00 pm @ CAC**

The September meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Donna Faulk.

**In Attendance:**

Donna Faulk, Chair  
Vivian Paul  
Anna Barrett  
Joe Stober  
Gwen Ritchie – Parks Board Representative  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative  
Guests from the Hamilton Tree Board:  
Louise  
Buck  
Terri  
Emily

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the board minutes were approved with corrections.  
– approved by Vivian Paul; second by Gwen Ritchie

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles:**

**Hours Spent on Environmental Commission Activities:**

Amelia:	Vivian: .5hrs	Dyanna:	Anna: .5hrs
Gwen: 1hrs	Joe: 0hrs	Donna: 1hr	Phil:

**Parks Board Report**

**Parks Department Report**

**Commissioner Reports**

**EC Communication Initiative:**

**Friends of Fairfield Forest Award Nomination:**

**Adopt-A-Roadway:** September and October: Anna Barret; November and December: Phil Bowling

**Other Business**

Fairfield Environmental Commission presented on 7 topics:

1. New Dog park and tree planning plan/New area at Marsh Lake presented by Gwen and Vivian.
  - a. Discussed Dog Park grand opening September 21st tentative date.

- b. This year there are 20 parking spots and a restroom
  - c. Vivian and Dyanna attended TCA and worked with Wendy Van Buren on tree selection, all native trees.
  - d. Identified areas where shade would be needed, such as park benches.
  - e. Discussed allowance of small hand powered boats at Marsh Lake.
  - f. Bike Connector project underway to connect Marsh to Waterworks.
  - g. Entrance to Dog Park at Lake Circle.
2. Recycling for the City of Fairfield presented by Donna Faulk
    - a. OHIO EPA Grant to help with contamination of recycling
    - b. Fairfield had 23% contamination rate
    - c. Education via mailings and social media; yard signs and outreach programs
    - d. Goal: Reduce contamination
      - i. Stop putting recyclables in plastic bags
      - ii. Lake Erie severely contaminated
    - e. Kroger to stop using plastic bags by 2021
  3. Living Legacy Tree Program presented by Bob.
    - a. 119 trees to be planted (45 kinds)
    - b. People can pick area and tree to be planted
    - c. Bronze plaque in memoriam
    - d. Name/Species of tree tagged on tree
    - e. 73 sold in last 3-4 years
  4. Tree Nursery at Huffman Park and other new initiatives presented by Vivian.
    - a. Tracking growth of trees at Huffman Park tree nursery
    - b. Parks help with water
    - c. Taking turns trimming
    - d. Getting big enough can start transplanting
    - e. Public Works has been taking initiative to remove trees and is also now taking stumps out too.
  5. Arbor Day Celebration – Farmers Market – 2019 presented by Bob.
    - a. Setup a booth
    - b. 200 seedlings – gave away almost all 200
    - c. Farmers Market in Fairfield is all year round.
    - d. Collected email addresses from people who picked up seedlings and will send survey and raffle
    - e. 30% response rate to survey in 2018
    - f. Provided planting instructions
  6. Developing a planting plan for trees at Compass Elementary presented by Gwen
    - a. Gwen went to schools and asked if interested in planting plan.
    - b. Going to start with Compass, there is an area they may want to screen in
    - c. Will have to test soil
    - d. Starting with 1 school and if successful will move to additional schools, old and new alike

7. Adopt a Roadway – Muskopf – Presented by Donna.
  - a. Cleaning Roadway, adopted by Fairfield EC.

Hamilton Tree Board then presented on the following items:

1. Drones being used
2. Budget increased
3. Nursery at cemetery is now closed and is now at a waste treatment center near Joyce Park.
4. Joint effort in Grant for trees between Fairfield and Hamilton
  - a. Trees will be available in March & April
  - b. 250 trees provided by Grant
  - c. Norwood other city involved, may join all three cities in request.
5. Hamilton website – services – urban forestry – urban forest restoring map
6. Posters printed with QRC to allow phone lookup of trees to obtain information.
7. OH Tree ID – two interns working on project
8. Plant selector app may still be pending
9. Tree identifier through Instagram in process
10. Every school in Hamilton has had a tree planted.
11. Maintenance of trees if planted at schools is a question, who is watering during summer?
12. October 24 – Asian Longhorn and Other Pests; November 7 – Taking Root
13. Urban Site Index – Examine plots where trees could be planted, identify distance from sidewalks, depth of soil, one- or two-lane street, wire placement, grass consistency, data collection.
14. Losing trees to utilities.
15. Hamilton Tree Board size has decreased from 9-7 people per decision of city.
16. Fairfield and Hamilton to work together with Taking Root project.

### Calendar

Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM @ CAC  
Environmental Committee Meeting – October 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM @CAC

### Programs

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM