

Environmental Commission Meeting
March 6th, 2019 6:30 pm @ CAC

The March meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn.

In Attendance:

Dave Colteryahn, Chair
Dyanna Wilson, Secretary
David Sheehan
Vivian Paul
Donna Faulk
David Sheehan
Gwen Ritchie – Parks Board Representative
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative
Anne Otten – Guest

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the board minutes were approved with no corrections.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles: Vivian attended the Butler County Soil and Water movie presentation “Living Soil”. She learned that farmers are now planting winter crops that will fertilize the land, prevent erosion and it will even attract pre

Hours Spent on Environmental Commission Activities:

Dave C: 1 & 1/2	Amelia:	Vivian: 1	Dyanna: 1/2
David: 1	Gwen: 2	Joe:	Donna:

Parks Board Report

The different soccer clubs attended to discuss their usage of the parks this season. They also decided that all members applying to the Parks board and Environmental Commission will be interviewed even if they are returning members. She also said she spoke with the board and they said they are ok with us taking soil samples to pick trees for the dog park.

Parks Department Report

The Tree City luncheon invitation has been received. Bob said anyone that would like to go can sign up and we would use a city van to drive up together. Bob, Dave, Dyanna, Gwen, and Donna all said they would be able to attend.

Earth Day will be sponsored by Duke and they are donating \$500 for tree plantings at Huffman Park.

Bob will be out of town at the beginning of April and let us know he will may not be able to send out of email and agenda before our April meeting, but will be back in time for our meeting.

The Home Expo is March 16th

Shifts 8:30 to 11:30 Donna and Vivian

11:30 to 2:15 Dyanna and David

Bob suggests having at least 2 people at each shift.

We will be showing the Red wiggler composting system in addition to talking about our tree giveaway.

EC Communication Initiative: We held a vote for our new Chairman. We voted unanimously for Dave Sheehan. Bob made copies of the Tree Owner's Manual for us to hand out at the Home Expo.

Dave shared the following items that he worked on and hoped for us to continue to work on as part of our commission. Dave also said he would correspond with Wendi Van Buren to let her know about his retirement from the board.

- Tree City USA
- Tree City Academy
- ODNR and Wendi Van Buren, Urban Forester
- Adopt-a-Roadway
- Rumpke Recycling
- Arbor Day
- Community Education
- Friends of Fairfield Forest Award
- Huffman Park
- Creekside Park and the Living Legacy Tree Program
- Tree Nursery at Huffman Park
- Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste Meetings
- Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District Meetings
- OSU Extension, Butler County
- Fairfield Public Works Meetings with Dave Butsch
- Development of a Zero Waste Plan
- Earth Day Celebrations
- Taking Root
- Honey Bees
- Monarch Butterflies

Friends of Fairfield Forest Award Nomination: Byron Products for 2020

Adopt-A-Roadway: March and April – Vivian Paul May and June – Anne Otten

Other Business

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday March 19th, 2019 at 6:00 PM @ CAC
Environmental Committee Meeting –April 3rd 2019 at 6:30 PM @CAC
Home Expo – March 16th 2019 @9:00 am @ CAC
Farmers Market Tree Seeding Giveaway April 17th 2019
Arbor Day Proclamation at Council April 22nd 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Earth Day Celebration with Duke April 22nd 2019 @TBA
2019 Tree City Luncheon April 26th 2019 in Centerville OH

Programs

Let's Go Hiking – Saturday March 16th @ Huffman Park 10:30 AM to Noon

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM