

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
August 7th, 2019 6:00 pm @ CAC**

The August meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Donna Faulk.

**In Attendance:**

Donna Faulk, Chair  
Amelia Geiser  
Vivian Paul  
Anna Barrett  
Gwen Ritchie – Parks Board Representative  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative  
David Butsch – Public Works Director/Arborist

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the board were approved with no corrections. – approved by Donna Faulk; second by Vivian Paul.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles:** Think Trees flyer. Bug cards.

**Hours Spent on Environmental Commission Activities:**

Amelia: 2hrs    Vivian: 19 hrs    Dyanna:                      Anna: 2hrs  
Gwen: 3hrs    Joe:                              Donna: 2.5hrs              Phil:

**Parks Board Report**

Many of the Park groups did not have meetings in July. New Cultural Arts program, Paula is new connecting member. The Fairfield Dog Park naming contest is over, FurField won! We reviewed the dog park rules. The dog park is set to open on September 20, 2019. Huffman Park is starting a free library box. A volunteer is going to maintain the library box. The library will be available starting at the end of September.

**Parks Department Report**

Marsh Lake added boating, 51 boat visits (hand powered boats) by end of July. Started July 1, 2019.

Golf course – 347 golfers sent survey monkey; 58 responded within 6 hours.

**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**

Red, White and Kaboom was successful.

Dancefloor was added to Village Green for the Thursday concerts.

Current vacancies for boards with the city will be published again for filling.

In preparation for grant, speaking with Fairfield City Schools to begin planning:

1. Pick a school to start with
2. See who is interested
3. Talk to principal
4. Plot plan
5. Walk Grounds
6. Soil testing/sun/water requirements

Gwen spoke with Carrie who has a link with school.

Duke donates trees that could be used at the schools. We could also utilize Izaak Walton tree program, with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders partake in planting.

Compass has a blank hillside.

Guest speaker: David Butsch. Discussed efforts of City of Fairfield to monitor community for trees that need trimmed for safety reasons. City of Fairfield has a drop box program all year round for yard debris. Contact public works department to request. Program started in 2008 with hurricane. Fairfield has a new Landscape Coordinator, which oversees proper practice of pruning, watering, how to plant, oversee contracts with vendors who takes care of route 4 growth. Discussed underground bio retentions which are plastic cells designed to have water nutrient areas where roots aren't going above concrete.

The 6'-7' bushes at the Municipal building were torn out and new bushes put in.

Mandy did work at Founder's Park prior.

Planting 10-12 trees at public works. Screen in area at Gilmore and Holden.

Harbin Park bids for 1.1 mile path extension still ongoing.

New pests to be aware of are spotted lantern fly. Emerald Ash Borer spread quickly than anticipated.

Upcoming meeting City of Fairfield Environmental Board will be hosting the City of Hamilton Tree Board on September 4, 2019.

## **Calendar**

Parks Board Meeting – Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 PM @ CAC

Environmental Committee Meeting – September 4th 2019 at 6:00 PM @CAC

## **Programs**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM