

**Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2014**

In Attendance:

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Becky Montag
Tom Nault
Chuck Ullrich
Rodney Spencer
Adam Sackenheim
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative
Sara Brewer, Parks and Recreation – P.T. Naturalist

Absent: Brian DeRoo, Veronica Craig, Gwen Ritchie

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by chairperson Dave Colteryahn.

New Member: Adam Sackenheim was in attendance and was asked to tell a little bit about himself and his family.

Minutes: The minutes for the March 5th meeting were approved with two corrections.

Sara Brewer: Sara passed out a brochure to the board members with all of the programs and activities that are planned at Huffman Park for the upcoming 2014 season. She explained a little bit about the programs and then asked the board if they had any questions. A short discussion took place amongst the board and Sara.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles: Chuck discussed an article that Dave Colteryahn had sent him via email a few weeks ago.

EC Activity Hours: Dave/2, Greg/2, Chuck/1, Rodney/.5, Becky/1.5.

Adopt-A-Roadway: Becky picked up the roadway in March and commented that there were a lot of cigarette butts this time around.

Parks Board Report

Rodney reported that the only business that took place at the Parks Board meeting was the interviewing of possible board members for the Environmental Commission Board and the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Board.

Parks Department Report

Website Update: March's stats are included in this month's meeting packet.

Tree City Luncheon: Tipp City, north of Dayton, will be hosting this year's luncheon and awards ceremony on Friday, April 11th. Fairfield's attendees will ride in the city van and will meet at the Community Arts center around 8:45 am. Four EC members have signed up for the event, along with two city employees.

Friends of Fairfield Forest Award: The plaque is ordered for the winner of the 2013 Friends of Fairfield Forest Award winner which is Jim Montague. Dave will get with Veronica after the meeting to finalize the 200 word narrative that will be read at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in April.

Volunteer Dinner: All the members should be receiving an invitation in the mail for the Volunteer Dinner, which is held on Thursday April, 24th.

Living Legacy Tree Program: The trees have been ordered for the time period of October 2013 thru March 15th 2014. Once the trees get in the ground the families will be notified by staff.

Miscellaneous: Bob had contacted Alisha Wilson the Clerk of Council, so that she could start the process of the Arbor Day Proclamation that will be read at the Council meeting on Monday April 14th at 7:00 pm. Greg LoBuono said that he can be available to accept the proclamation on behalf of the board.

Commissioner Reports

Home Expo: Bob discussed with the board all of the items that were placed into the box for the EC Home Expo Booth. Bob informed the board that there were individual badges for each member inside the box and that they may take those badges with them if they liked to. Bob informed the board that the trees will be picked up by a staff member on Friday and will be in the booth on Saturday morning. A brief discussion took place on the work schedule for the Home Expo booth.

Miscellaneous: Dave asked if it is possible to get one additional Tree City street sign to place on Rt. 4. Bob will look into that request and let the board know next month.

Dave had received a study on the migration of the monarch butterfly through Fairfield. He discussed with the board and staff on how we could try to get more monarch butterflies at Huffman Park. Bob will look into the purchase and planting of Milkweed at Huffman Park to help draw more butterflies to this area.

Calendar:

Parks Board Meeting – April 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm, CAC

EC Meeting – May 7, 2014 at 6:00 pm, CAC

Fairfield Home Improvement Expo – Saturday, April 5, 2014, CAC, 9 am to 3 pm, CAC

Tree City Luncheon – Friday, April 11, 2014 at Tipp City

Volunteer Dinner – Thursday April 24th at 6:00 pm, CAC

Adjournment: at 7:06 pm