



Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: January 11, 2022 6:33-7:47PM Via Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:33pm
 - a. Board members present:

✓ Paul Brister	✓ Mary Urrutia
✓ Kathryn Martin	✓ Michelle Obenour
✓ Orpheus Triplett	✓ Josh Russell
✓ Sheila Bentley	
 - b. Board members unable to attend:
 - i. Grant Gates
2. Board member introductions and positions voted upon/elected:
 - a. Chairman - Paul Brister
 - b. Vice Chair – Kathryn Martin
 - c. Secretary – Michelle Obenour
3. Contact information updates requested from all board members
4. Review of CEC Purpose and Mission
 - a. Tree City USA - We need to reapply for this designation every year. To be designated we need an arbor day celebration where we plant tree, a certain portion of the town budget must be spent on tree maintenance, and the city must have a tree board (which is the CEC).
 - i. Josh will check with the city concerning this application
5. 2021 Year in Review –
 - a. Great Backyard Bird Count
 - b. Arbor day celebration
 - c. Spring and Fall recycle Saturdays
 - d. Ground Water - Review of EPA superfund site
 - e. Plant projects / tree canopy/ordinance discussion

Active Items

6. Recycling Center Tour
 - a. January 27 – 3 to 4pm at the Chester County Solid Waste Facility (315 Talley Store Rd, Henderson TN 38340)
 - b. Mickey will contact Amber to see if there is a limit on number of people attending the tour since there seems to be interest from member's spouses and older children
 - i. Charles would still like to attend so Mickey will reach out to him
 - c. Main goal for the tour is to get a lot of questions answered concerning how we can recycle more effectively as a community. Take pictures and video to create an educational social media campaign.
 - d. Keep an eye on your email and text the week of the tour. Mickey will send out reminders to get a final headcount and plan for carpooling.
7. Arbor Day Tree
 - a. Location – Josh please reach out to parks and rec to see if they have any areas in need of a tree

- b. We should add something on the town website concerning Collierville and its Tree City USA designation. Possibly create an interactive map with all the locations of trees we have planted for Arbor Day.
- c. In the past, TN Department of Forestry has given us small seedlings to pass out, could be an option for this Arbor day.

8. Great Backyard Bird Count

- a. Last year Sheila pulled information from the website to distribute to the schools
 - i. Same approach this year
- b. This event tries to get a snapshot of world bird population, which is a good measure of environmental health

9. Recycle Saturday – November 2022. (15th National Recycle Day)

- a. Discussion on just doing one event this year, either in the Spring or Fall.

10. Recognition – Follow up on Bee Keeping recognition

- a. Josh will speak with Chief Abelin and Jennifer Casey to determine a time and place for recognition

Old Business

11. Invasive Plant Project

- a. Kathryn emailed Lichterman concerning speaker or speaker series/symposium

12. Tree Canopy Discussion

13. Ground Water

Ongoing

14. Budget - \$1950

15. Town Updates

- a. Recycling contamination still an issue for Thursday's route

16. New Business & Goals for 2022

- a. Look into sticker pricing to put sticker with recycling guidelines on all NEW recycle bins. Could also add stickers to all troublesome collection routes on the day of collection (i.e. bins are on the curb for easy access)
- b. Dark Sky initiative
 - i. Kathryn will forward the group some information
 - ii. With the town expanding it could be a good time to see what we can do to reduce light pollution, educate public, create town initiatives to change the size and/or shape of lights, etc...
- c. Board members are encouraged to come up with ideas/goals for the coming year

17. Adjournment 7:47pm