



Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: February 7, 2023 6:35-8:06PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:35pm

Board members present:

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| ✓ Sheila Bentley | ✓ Bethany Schmidt |
| ✓ Paul Brister (phone) | ✓ Clay Ticer |
| ✓ Kathryn Martin | ✓ Mary Urrutia |
| ✓ Michelle Obenour | |

2. Board members unable to attend:

Edgar Jimenez (**need to update email address)

Grant Gates

3. January 2023 meeting minutes approved as is.

Active Items

1. Arbor Day Celebration [First Friday in March – March 3, 2023, time TBD]

- Clay** – Coordinate with Mayor and Board for ceremony/tree proclamation. Their availability will determine what time we meet on Friday March 3rd
- Type and exact location of tree at Halle Park TBD
 - Paul & Clay** - work with Elizabeth Doss and Neil on these details
 - Possible trees - large native shade tree, bald cypress, or water tupelo (last 2 must be on shoreline)
- Determine which tree in the arboretum needs to be replaced on Saturday's bird walk.

2. Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb 17-20 2023

- Intro letter sent to schools
- Bird walk – Johnson Park (Feb 11 @ 8:00am) Meet at the boardwalk.
 - Clay** - ask Jennifer to advertise this ASAP, also advertise GBBC next week.
- Literature distribution to schools
 - Some members took flyers to distribute to schools nearby, **Kathryn and Sheila** will distribute the remaining ones.

3. Community Summit Series

- March 9, 6:30-8:00pm, Halle Room at Library - Bees Chief Abeln, monarch butterflies Mary Schmidt
 - Kathryn** – get speaker bios to library.
 - Motion to spend \$200 for speaker fees and gifts – Approved.
 - Clay** – buy speaker gifts, two \$25 boxes of chocolates from Dinsthul's Fine Candies
- Early June 8 – fireflies (Charity) and natural pest control/ecofriendly lawn control/composting (composting council / Brian Mason – Parks and Rec (901-508-2626) /)
- Mid Sep 14 – Trees (Wes Hopper) and leaves
- Early Nov 9 - Sustainability / recycling (Amber) and Energy Conservation (TVA)

4. Fair on the Square – 2023 (May 6th and 7th)

- a. Registration in process for booth – check requested; **Clay** will mail it along with registration paperwork to Twentieth Century Club
- b. Seedling suggestions:
 - i. Dogwood, Christmas tree pine, Overcup Oak
- c. Handouts / Activities / Messaging
 - i. We have a lot of leftover pamphlets from last year: grass cycling, recycling, etc...
 - ii. Need to make quarter sheets with info about each seedling. Perhaps also have a full sheet, with color photo, laminated, for reference during the event to help people choose.
 - iii. Discussion on having a laptop play our informational videos: grass cycling, recycling, loose leaf collection, composting, etc...
 - iv. For Button Bush seeds - planting trays, inserts, and 2 bags of potting soil have been ordered (spent ~\$50)
 - a. Mary from Lichterman invited us to come look at the propagation center for tips on planting button bush. Possible dates include March 17th or 23rd, **Kathryn** will email them and let us know which date works best, anyone is welcome to join.
 - v. We need more swag; reusable shopping bags and more items geared towards kids.
 - a. **Mickey** – send out ideas of stuff to buy. We should have around \$800+ to spend.

5. Conservation Corner

- a. January published through the town website – Very nice!!
- b. February Topic - General waste reduction methods. Swaps for single use items (Mickey). Writeup has been emailed out, please read and suggest edits as required and **Paul** will get it to Jennifer for posting to social media next week.
- c. March topic - Spring planting tips featuring native plants – **Kathryn**, email group the writeup and Paul will send it to Jennifer.

6. Recycle Saturday – April 22, 2023, 9am-1pm

- a. **Clay** - confirm with E-cycling and middle school.
- b. **Paul** – has Habitat been confirmed?

7. Recycling Education

- a. Leanne Rainey will be attending our meeting in March to discuss recycling education. Is she able to make the meeting if we move it to March 21st?

8. Dark Sky / Streetlights

- a. **Kathryn** – send out Dark Sky PowerPoint

9. Tree Canopy & Town Ordinances -

- a. Arboretum - Is it certified? Wes looked at it but we need to get the paperwork turned in. (**Clay**)
- b. Review of Collierville Tree Ordinances

Ongoing

10. Budget ~\$1650 after Fair on the Square fee and planting supplies

11. Town Updates

12. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects

- a. Town hired a grants manager – **Clay** will check with him to see what his job entails and if there is something he can do to help us get money for a specific project if we do not have the funds for it in the future (i.e. glass crusher, stickers for recycle carts).

13. Adjournment 8:06pm