



# Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: April 9, 2024 6:33-7:45PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

## Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:33pm
2. Board members in attendance:
  - ✓ Mitch Ashkenaz
  - ✓ Lindsay Bell
  - ✓ Sheila Bentley
  - ✓ Paul Brister
  - ✓ Kathryn Martin
  - ✓ Michelle Obenour
  - ✓ Clay Ticer
  - ✓ Mary Urrutia
3. Board members unable to attend:
  - a. Kristy Yueng
4. March meeting minutes approved with edits.
5. Review of 2024 CEC Calendar and Goals for 2024.

## Active Items

1. 2024-2025 Student Member
  - a. **Clay** will ask Jennifer to publicize position. CEC members can choose new student member at the April meeting, member confirmed by Mayor and Board in May, their first meeting should be June.
2. Tennessee Tree Day Debrief – Lessons learned and future participation.
  - a. Positive experience this year, we'll do it again next year and can advertise more now that we are familiar with the process. Wrap it into the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tree city celebration next year.
  - b. Extra seedlings – 3 location options in Halle Park, Clay will work on approval w/Derek Honeycut.
  - c. **Mary** – TN tree day write up for social media.
3. Recycle Saturday 2024, April 20, 9am-1pm, Poplar Market Plaza Parking Lot
  - a. Clay talked to Jennifer, she will advertise new location and area map on social media.
  - b. All members - Get the flier out on your social media.
  - c. **Paul** - send flier to Collierville Herald
4. Fair on the Square – May 4 & 5, 2024
  - a. Spin wheel
    - i. **Mickey** – work on trivia questions. Members please send question ideas to her (kid friendly, local knowledge about recycling or the environment)
  - b. Recycle game
  - c. Seedlings
    - i. **Paul** - Planting instructions and plant info on quarter sheets, QR code added
  - d. Tent
  - e. Handouts from past years
  - f. Promo items – bags (insulated and produce, Swedish dishcloths, coloring books (enviro and birds))
  - g. **Mary** – send 'landscaping with native plants' sheet to Paul to add QR code
5. Summer Event Planning
  - a. Firefly walk, Charity is available, we need to pick a location and date. She would prefer to do a presentation beforehand (requires classroom w/tech), **Kathryn** contact Greg Clark about the house at Johnson Park.
  - b. Astronomy Demonstration – requested for some time in the Fall
6. Mayor & Alderman Meeting
  - a. Work session in May
  - b. **Paul** - Talk to glass recycling contact to have that info before the meeting

- c. **Clay** – get waste numbers for Mike Larivee to create a municipal compost plan. Would be helpful to have this info prior to the meeting.
7. Tree Canopy Update & Forestry Funding Opportunities
- a. Shelby county office of sustainability submitted application for canopy study
  - b. **Paul** - Check on grant funding application opening date
8. 2024 Goal Finalization
- a. Objective: Identify key goals for CEC to accomplish in 2024 to ensure we keep focus and continue to positively impact our community – some ideas and reoccurring
    - i. Great Backyard Bird Count
    - ii. Arbor Day Celebration
    - iii. Recycle Saturday
    - iv. Fair on the Square
    - v. Recycle Education
    - vi. Community Summit Series Revamp
    - vii. Expansion / new arboretum through grant funding
    - viii. Tree Canopy study, tree ordinance update/canopy improvement
    - ix. Glass Recycling
9. Arbor Day Celebration - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Tree City USA (2025)
- a. Need to publicize and keep on our radar

## **Ongoing**

- 10. Budget - \$---
- 11. Town Updates
- 12. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects
  - a. Kathryn had a few people contact her about protecting native plants, rec is to send them to the Town Beautiful Commission.
- 13. Adjournment 7:45pm