

Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

The January meeting for 2016 was called to order at 6:35 PM. Commission members present were: Bill Looney, Courtney Gillespie, Gary Siebenschuh, Sheila Bentley, Joellyn Brazile, and Crystal Warren. The Town of Collierville representative was John Fox.

We began by approving the minutes from the January meeting. Gary moved to accept the minutes, and Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next we reviewed upcoming events. We had been planning an educational event on birds this month but due to scheduling issues, we decided to move the event to the spring during migration season. Shelia will book a speaker. We have tentatively scheduled this for either April 14, 16, 28, or 30. Sheila will also coordinate a class on "Going Green" for March or April with Gary Boyd as the speaker.

In the past, commission members were needed to help judge the science fair at Incarnation Catholic School. We are not needed this year to help judge.

Last year we participated in the 50K Tree Planting Event sponsored by the Tennessee Environmental Council. This year the event is on February 27 from 10 am to 11 am. Jason Walters with the Town of Collierville will help organize. Volunteers will plant trees in Halle Park. CEC members are needed to help organize the volunteers that morning.

Arbor Day is Friday, March 4. The new tree (a Tulip Poplar) purchased by the CEC will be planted at town hall. Commission members are invited to attend the dedication ceremony that afternoon.

Crystal will follow up at our next meeting with information about prizes for our planned Earth Day contests.

The Wolf River Watershed meeting hosted by TDEC and the Wolf River Conservancy will be held at St. George's School this year. An informational meeting will be Thursday, April 21 from 5-7 pm. This will include a short presentation and informational booths. A family field day and picnic will be held at the river on Saturday, April 23 from 9 am – noon. Commission members are asked to attend.

A new prize wheel was previously approved by the commission and needs to be ordered before Fair on the Square. We also need to order some new coloring or activity books for children as prizes. We also discussed the possibility of compact fluorescent bulbs, books on native plants, rain barrels, and compost bins as giveaways.

After paying for the donated tree for Arbor Day and helping the literacy council pay for the awards for the Recycle, Upcycle, and Repurpose contest, we have \$1200 remaining in our budget for this year.

Shelia moved to adjourn the meeting. Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.