

## **Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2015**

The June meeting for 2015 was called to order at 6:38 PM. Commission members present were: Albert Grobmyer, Wayne Kneipp, Bill Looney, Courtney Gillespie, Gary Siebenschuh, Sheila Bentley, and Crystal Warren. The Town of Collierville representative was Emily Harrell.

Gary moved to accept the minutes from last meeting with one spelling correction. Albert seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Emily shared the new banner that was recently purchased. Although the commission allotted \$200 for the new banner, it only cost \$100. The commission also decided last meeting to purchase new panels for the tent. These have yet to be purchased but will be soon. Gary also brought up the fact that the folding tables used for events such as Fair on the Square were not sturdy. The group agreed that new tables and a few chairs were needed. Gary motioned to purchase two new tables and 2 chairs for up to \$150. Albert seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Any remaining funds that need to be spent by the end of the month will be used for additional promotional items including water bottles and frisbees.

Next, we discussed the new student member for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. We usually wait until school starts, but we have had a student express interest. The position will most likely be offered to this student, Mary Lennox Halfacre.

The group briefly discussed recycling at Collierville High School again. Since it has been successful in the cafeteria, it would be great to expand into the classroom. Crystal will contact Eboni Leake, the faculty sponsor for the Environmental Club, to discuss options.

Gary composed a letter to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concerning the town's designation as "Tree City USA" for the commission to review. Sheila and Crystal highlighted a few corrections, and Gary will make the necessary revisions. Several signs need to be updated around town to reflect the current year.

Albert shared an article on composting with the group. The commission agreed that this would be a great topic for a town event. The town could provide the venue (perhaps the Halle room at the Burch Library) and the CEC would sponsor. Emily and Crystal will work on finding a master gardener to provide information. The commission could advertise with flyers at the library, local nurseries, and local businesses in addition to the information being provided on the town website.

After our discussion last month about other opportunities for the commission, Emily did some research and shared her findings. A representative with Main Street Collierville informed her that we could provide promotional items or information at their tables during the Summer Concert Series at the Town Square. We could also distribute any leftover dog waste pickup bags at events hosted by the Collierville Animal Shelter. We are also able to help provide information during a Collierville Elementary School field trip near the Wolf River in October. After discussing, the group decides that the summer concert series night that coincides with

the car show would be a great time to distribute information and give away another rain barrel. Sheila moves to approve \$50 for the rain barrel, Bill seconds the motion, and all are in favor. Crystal and Bill volunteer to be present on July 16 for the giveaway. Emily also informed the group that she will probably conduct another rain barrel workshop in August

Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wayne seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.