

Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016

The November meeting for 2016 was called to order at 6:35 PM. Commission members present were: Sheila Bentley, Joellyn Brazile, Charles Green, Bill Looney, Gary Siebenschuh, and Crystal Warren. Swetha Manivannan, the student representative, was present. Courtney Gillespie was absent.

The meeting began by reviewing the minutes from the October meeting. Sheila motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Gary seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next agenda item was a recap of the events sponsored by the CEC since the October meeting. The Bird Identification Class, held at Morton Museum on October 11, and the Bird Identification Walk, held at Johnson Park on October 15, were a success! Approximately 15 people attended the class, and approximately 13 people attended the walk. Participants appeared to enjoy learning about birds commonly found in the Mid-South. Additionally, approximately 45 birds were identified on the walk.

Next on the agenda was a progress report on the actions items that had not yet been completed. Sheila spoke with a representative of the TN Bluebird Society and learned that the Society is looking for sponsors of new Bluebird Trails to be installed behind Schilling Farms Middle School and along a walking trail in the southeast side in Johnson Park. It was Sheila's understanding that \$300 would cover sponsorship of both Trails. Sheila motioned to spend \$300 on sponsoring the Bluebird Trails behind Schilling Farms Middle School and in Johnson Park. Gary seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Gary provided an update for the Recycle, Reuse, Upcycle Contest. Courtney had updated the rules and distributed the rules to the Collierville schools. Gary updated the press releases and sent to appropriate parties. Applications are due on November 17th at Morton Museum by 5:00 pm.

Sheila had spoken with Alderman Maureen Fraser about the idea of Collierville Forward. Maureen had forwarded the idea to James Lewellen for further input.

An update on the implementation of Rock and Wrap It program at CHS was tabled until the next meeting.

Crystal stated that she had emailed the Town Liaison for the Parks & Rec Board, Greg Clark, about organizing a joint meeting so that the topic of educational signs at the parks could be discussed. Although Crystal received an acknowledgement email from Mr. Clark, there was no response about setting up a time to have a joint meeting.

The topic of the Collierville Tree Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

The idea of taking measures to diminish the use of plastic bags locally was discussed, and several ideas were generated. Sheila stated that she would try to find the ordinances passed in at least one other municipality to learn how the municipality implemented this program in their area.

Budget discussions and Town updates were tabled until the next meeting.

Crystal reminder the other members that the Commission/Boards Reception is November 22, 2016, and applications for 2017 Commission/Boards are due on November 30, 2016.

At 7:45, Joellyn moved to adjourn the meeting, and Gary seconded the motion. All were in favor.