

Collierville Environmental Commission
Meeting: June 9, 2020 via videoconference

President David Perry called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. In attendance were John Fox, Sheila Bentley, Carlos Bibbs, Mary Prascak, Michael Kelly, Charles Green, and student member Rebecca Lassiter. Secretary Val Tingley present to take notes.

Minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved as published, no corrections.

Agenda Items:

There has been good feedback regarding our Earth Day article with the links supplied by commission members. Thanks to all who participated.

Collierville Forward: Monthly recognition recipients were discussed, Val Tingley will gather information about the Girl Scout troop doing a composting project; also Donutt Hutt for donating coffee grounds and other supplies to the Collierville Victory Garden. Sheila will continue to look into contests, teacher notification and public announcements to increase awareness of the annual award. We had success with the Great American Bird Count (press releases). A subcommittee will meet Tues June 23 at 6:30 (possibly an open air meeting) to further discuss Collierville Forward.

Fair on the Square was cancelled this year until 2021. The reusable shopping bags will be stored until next year's Fair.

Carrier Water/Superfund: Mike Kelly feels that more frequent EPA updates to the town would be beneficial. David requested that Mike draft a letter to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to outline his suggestions. This letter will be sent to our commissioners, then after corrections will be sent to James Lewellen.

The student member position has been posted on the Town's website and on the high school websites. We have 3 applicants and will choose the new student member from these and any future applicants.

E-cycle plans have been deemed too expensive and difficult to implement. This item will be dropped from the agenda; perhaps will be looked at again after school starts in the fall.

Budget update: We have \$894.65 remaining in this year's budget.

Town updates: John reported that there are many citizens putting trash in recycling bins which is causing increased costs and decreased efficiency in trash collection. He also noted that Chester County would be doubling their tipping fees from \$25/ton to \$50/ton. Mary suggested educating the public via fliers, which are simplified, not too much information but clearly outline what is and is not recyclable.

New Business: David reports an increase in trash in the parks, most likely due to raccoons or other pests raiding the trash cans. More people have been using the parks due to quarantine, so the Mayor's Action Center will be notified of the request for raccoon-proof trash cans.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted, Val Tingley