

September 10, 2015

The September 10, 2015 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ruth Pante, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976. Present were Ruth Pante, James McMekin, Elaine Drazek, Robert Jewell, Dawn Smith, Glenn Todd and Township Committeeman Joseph Watters.

#### Minutes

Mr. Jewell MOVED to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Todd; all in favor.

#### Moth Night

Ms. Pante reported contact with Phil Wooldridge of the Liberty Township Environmental Commission to discuss expenses of the event and details to be worked out prior to such an event. Mr. Wooldridge had suggested that Mansfield Township host the 2016 Moth Night event. Liberty's expenses were \$200 for the speaker; \$165 to Wild Ridge Plants for their presentation; \$100 for the pen lights as handouts; \$125 for advertising signs; and \$25 for bottled water. Mansfield paid for the advertising signs and Knowlton donated the water; it might be possible to obtain gift cards or certificates from stores such as Wal-Mart. He did suggest beginning planning as early as February or March. However, Jane Bullis was eager for Merrill Creek to host an event, so joining forces with them might be worth considering for 2016.

#### ANJEC Road Show

Dave Peiffer of ANJEC will be presenting the ERI portion of the October 22 Road Show; this will be in preparation for a 2016 update of Mansfield's ERI. Also, Selling Energy Conservation in Your Town will be presented on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Pante questioned the need for an Environmental Commission meeting on October 8. Members will be polled closer to that date to determine if a meeting is necessary.

#### Grant Submission

The update report was submitted prior to the deadline and included an outline of activities conducted, identification of trees, marking trees that are dead and must be removed. Don Proefrock used the map of the park to plot information gathering and species identification. DPW Director Kevin Ward has since removed the dead trees that were identified. Forester Tim Matthews will do a course tour on October 10, the same trail.

#### Environmental Comments

There will be a Highlands Festival at Waterloo Village September 19 and 20.

Ms. Pante reported a call to Bruce Smith at HMUA regarding their project at Ensa Drive, particularly to get answers to questions raised at this Commission's August 13 meeting. Mr. Smith assured that the concrete being removed will be recycled. He also said this project has not yet begun.

Mr. Jewell shared an article found in a recent Septic Installers Magazine regarding a rainwater catching device. The article showed two 10,000 gallon galvanized tanks; this is so high tech that when the rain first begins the flow from the gutters is flushed to filter debris and bird droppings; most is non potable water. This system is available in Texas where it is sometimes cheaper than digging a well.

Mr. Todd reported nature is being good, although a bear on his property is hitting the peaches.

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante