



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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Environmental Commission Meeting  
Thursday, September 6, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.  
Public Works Building  
7700 Southern Avenue

## MINUTES

### Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley  
Jimmy Davis  
Urania Erskine  
Kevin Haley  
Linda Kaplan  
Alderman Dean Massey  
Francoise Mireles  
Scott Schoefernacker  
Susan Threlkeld  
Jayu Wagh

### Staff:

Bo Mills  
Joe Nunes  
Kathy Cross

### Absent:

Andy Foster

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

We had no guests.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

### STAFF REPORTS:

Joe Nunes:

- Picked up publicity with Channel 3 “Live at Nine” for our “Recycle the Right Way” and “Feet on the Street” Campaigns.
- Solid Waste volume is up over last month but down compared to last August.



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- Yard debris volume is surprisingly high, higher than the past seven years for comparable months.
- In August, Mr. Nunes attended Waste-Con in Nashville; one of most pressing issues discussed was recycling.

#### Director Mills:

- Public Works has been preparing for the Germantown Festival which includes the Annual Running of the Weenies, one of Germantown Animal Shelter's biggest fundraisers.
- New entry signs are being installed at Germantown City Limits.
- Milling and Paving Contract will go before the Mayor and Board of Alderman this coming Monday night for approval.

#### ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:

##### Alderman Massey:

- Construction has begun for the widening of Forest Hill Irene Road.
- Cheatham property subdivision has been postponed pending water studies to work out drainage issues.
- Reeves Property still in holding to work out legal issues with residents in that area.
- Board approved money for Professional Services Agreements to Study the sand lenses to insure there are no pollutants seeping into our groundwater and to include more age dating with University of Memphis and CAESER.
- Money approved to improve some of our laterals to address water flow.

#### COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

##### Scott Schoefnacker:

- Grant has been set up by EPA to study PFAS; these 5000+ chemicals have existed since the 1940's and were found in many common materials. Trace amounts have now shown up in some ground water samples.
- USGS Publishing Potentiometric Surfaces for the Memphis Aquifer 2000-2015 at the end of the month.

##### Urania Erskine:

Shelby Sun Times advertised the upcoming Amnesty Day.

##### Susan Threlkeld:

Spotted a white faced Ibis juvenile while "birding" at the south wastewater treatment plant.

Kevin Hailey: Nothing to Report

Jimmy Davis: Nothing to Report



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Francoise Mireles:

Additional Neonicotinoid pesticide research from the Imperial College and Mary University in London indicates that as Bumblebees acquire a taste for pesticide-laced food and become more exposed to these pesticides, they are showing possible symptoms of addiction.

Linda Kaplan:

- National Drive Electric Week starts September 8 – September 16. The local drive electric week event will be held at Shelby Farms Park under the solar powered area on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- On September 27, Sierra Club will be showing a film on “Reinventing Power: America’s Renewable Energy Boom”.
- TennCan is an all-volunteer effort to increase recycling and reduce litter in Tennessee through a 5-cent refundable deposit on glass, plastic and aluminum beverage containers, with returns to redemption centers. This program will take effect next year.

Jayu Wagh: Nothing to report.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Amnesty Day sign up; Amnesty Day will be held this Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. This will be the first time Habitat for Humanity will be included in the event.

## NEW BUSINESS:

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.