

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – September 3, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Carol Adams, Sandy Katulak, Sherry Leighty, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), Jan Prettyman, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt

Absent: Mary Ann Kabel

Guest: Becky Zimmerman

Call to Order and Welcome

The July 23, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

- Maintenance of Four Corners
 - Sherry Leighty will be trimming the rose bushes and dogwood. The roses need pruning about every 2 months. They will not be cut back until the spring. At that time Sherry is willing to teach other Commission members how to prune the roses.
 - Sherry reported a few issues:
 - Stinging nettles remain a problem.
 - Annuals are being trampled on and uprooted.
 - Re the big bed next to Graeter's: suggestion was made to talk to the city about extending the chain around the big bed (from corner to wall) as well as to move the bench back to help protect the flowers. Joe will do some checking and will report back.
 - Suggestion was made to use landscaping cloth to cut back on weeds. This suggestion was overruled as landscaping cloth would compromise the irrigation system.
 - Other suggestions for future maintenance include:
 - Mulch about 1 foot away from the roses
 - Plant beds within arm's length around the border to make accessibility easier
 - Cut weeds off at the ground
 - Enlist 2 people weekly to take care of the small beds; maybe 3-4 people for the large bed – something to think about
 - AM Leonard Store has great tools/pruning shears - - also check the dollar stores
 - Treat dandelions like a winter weed and start treating them in the fall
 - Early in the spring, hit weeds with glyphosate.

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- Zone Judging
 - All the September awards were distributed to the winners.
 - The Mayors Award was presented to Prague. The Mayors Award Rock needs to be delivered by September 16th.
 - As of the meeting date, still waiting to get the release form from Chick-Filet.
 - All signs need to be picked up at the end of September and brought to the October CBC meeting.
 - December lighting decisions are due by December 15th and will be presented to the Council at the January meeting.

New Business

- 2020 Spring Seminar
 - The date for the spring seminar is March 7th. Centerville High School has been reserved.
 - The preliminary topic will be: Spring Planting, Preparing Beds, Fertilizers, and Gardening Mistakes. Mike Bellanca from Siebenthaler's will make the presentation.
 - There was some concern that a very similar presentation was delivered at Woodburn Library. Sue will approach Mike Bellanca about using another topic.
 - Once the final agenda is set, a title for the seminar needs to be selected.
- Flower Pots
 - Public Works found a number of flower pots. Sherry offered to take some of them to make a "man" to be used as one of the door prizes at the Spring Seminar.
- Future Leadership
 - Sue Jessee announced that her term as Chair will be up in July 2020 and the CBC will need to look for a new Chair. To that end, Sue provided a description of the Chair's responsibilities. She indicated that the meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order. A suggestion came up that maybe two people could chair? This needs to be discussed further.
 - Some questions arose around the file for the Award History. Debbie Schmidt volunteered to keep the file updated. Joe Presutte volunteered to ask Doug about Mary Lou's old files.

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Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti, Municipal Arborist

- Finishing end of season tree treatments (Bagworms, Scale, Leaf Blight, Needle Cast Stubbs, Fall Webworm).

- Stubb's Park
 - Work in Stubb's Park is really coming together.
 - Working on fall planting
 - Removing stumps and replacing with grass seed.
 - Continuing limbing up trees for safety and ascetics
 - Working with the Heritage Tree Program re planting trees in the park.
- Joe reported on a number of trees that were lost due to accidents, age, sickness, and drought.
- Joe further reported that the Blue Spruce is not doing well in Ohio. Sycamores are a good choice as their roots are strong and can survive anything but no one likes to deal with the spikey balls.

Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau

- Carin Andrews is retiring at the end of September. At the time of this meeting, no replacement has been named.
- The GuitarFest will be held on September 8th starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Regular city council meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 16th and 23rd. These are open meetings and all are welcome.
- A public "Open House" took place on August 29th to talk about the redevelopment of the shopping center at State Route 48 between Sheehan and Spring Valley Roads (including the old Kroger store). Components of the project were discussed. There was a good turnout with mixed reactions. The development plans will continue to be shared over time.

Good of the Order

Reminder to bring CBC signs at or prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sandy Katulak.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.
Public Works