

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – November 5, 2019**  
**PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

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

Guests: Ann Kniess

**Call to Order and Welcome**

The October 1, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Old Business**

- Recruitment of New Members
  - Two potential members (Ann Kniess and Christa Corpstein) have submitted their application. Awaiting final approval.
- 2020 Spring Seminar
  - The spring seminar will take place March 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Centerville High School theater. City Beautification members to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to set up.
  - Siebenthaler's will be presenting the topic: Low maintenance but continual blooming perennials for spring planting (e.g. hydrangeas) and, if time permits, will discuss landscape design principles.
- Holiday Lighting Awards
  - Sue Jessee distributed the Holiday Lighting Award Packets which included award instructions, judging guidelines, zone maps, release forms, list of previous award winners, and general information as well as an application for the Centerville Beautification Committee.
  - The 2019 winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant.
  - The deadline for presenting the awards is December 11, 2019 as the City plans to present the addresses at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting so that residents can view the homes.
  - Laura Filaseta provided tips on how to take a 10-second video using our cell phones.
  - Business Lighting nominations need to be sent to Sue asap.
- Maintenance of Four Corners
  - This subject has been postponed until January 2020.

**New Business**

- December Holiday Party
  - There is no formal meeting for December. However, an informal holiday gathering for all CCBC members will take place at 6:30 p.m. on December 3, 2019 at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant.

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- Sue Jessee was invited to a luncheon with Wayne Davis (City Manager), Mariah Vogelgesang (Assistant City Manager), and Kate Bostdorff (Communications Director) regarding how the City Beautiful Commission is progressing and how they can help.
  - With Mary Lou's departure, there are some concerns surrounding timelines of when things need to take place. Wayne suggested looking at prior year's agendas.
  - Mary Ann suggested using google docs to add year-over-year items so that future items are not missed. Sue will enlist help to get this up.
  - Laura is working with Ben to prevent things from falling through the cracks.
- Ordering Rocks for 2020
  - The rocks for landscape award winners will be ordered in 2020.

**Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti, Municipal Arborist**

- Received pricing for the replacement of trees citywide and getting ready to plant.
- The flowers in the city are being removed and watering has stopped.
- Leaf pick-up is taking place. This year 114 loads of leaves have been collected vs 38 loads for this same time last year.
- Discussed adding a flag at 4-Corners. Perhaps adding benches in place of the chain around the beds. This is an on-going conversation and no decision has been made.

**Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau**

- Met Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, to swear in a new council member (Doug Kline). Doug is a former councilmember and will complete John Beal's term until a new council member is sworn in.
- Arbor Day will tentatively be celebrated at Yankee Trace.
- JoAnne attended an open house of the Islamic Center of Centerville. She noted that they have a worship/mosque area and are adding a soup kitchen and free clinic which will be open to anyone.

**Good of the Order**

- It was brought up that a new roster of the CCBC members is needed. Sue Jessee will take care of updating.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sandy Katulak.

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