

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – January 7, 2020**  
**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: Christa Corpstein, Bob Baldino

**Call to Order and Welcome**

The November 5, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Old Business**

- Laura distributed the revised roster which was reviewed by the committee members.
- Recruitment of New Members
  - Two of our previous guests (Ann Kniess and Christa Corpstein) have submitted their application and are waiting on their interviews and 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.
  - Sue Jessee handed out a preliminary seminar flyer. There was some discussion and a number of changes made, including adding the Centerville Seal at the top of the handout. Sue will make the proposed changes and will email the revised flyer to the committee members prior to the February meeting to capture any additional changes. Final color copies to be used for public distribution will be handed out to the committee members at the February meeting.
  - "Gardening Seminar" signs will be posted outside Centerville High School. Laura will take care of making the signs.
  - Carol is working on making 4 baskets for the door prize. The baskets will include a gift certificate from a local proprietor. These are the gift certificates currently being pursued:
    - Grandma's Gardens (Carol)
    - Siebenthaler's (Sue)
    - Centerville Florist (Jan)
    - Boston Coffee (Debbie)

**Holiday Lighting Awards**

- The photos of the lighting displays taken by the members turned out ok.
- Debbie suggested that we think about offering a sign or rock to display in addition to the current gift certificate that is awarded to the winner.
- Laura to check on the cost of a plaque to use on the current metal signs that we use for the summer landscape awards.
- Maintenance of 4 Corners Flower Beds
  - Debbie reviewed the landscape designs and ideas offered by Grandma's Gardens.
  - Decision made to hold off until we know the future vision for the 4 corners. It is thought that we will know more by the February meeting.
  - Given that the time will be short to place any flower orders prior to planting time, it was decided to hold off making any major changes until 2021.

## **New Business**

- Ordering of rocks for 2020
  - Laura will talk to Ben about ordering the rocks for 2020.

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

- Currently in week two of Christmas tree pick-up. Currently collected 352 trees which are mulched and used throughout the city.
- Leaf season is over. Collected 422 dump truck and 69 trash truck loads.
- Arbor Day for 2020 will be at Yankee Trace. There will be a total of 25 trees planted. Discussions are being held about the trees that will be planted on the golf course. Some redhorse chestnuts will be planted. The children representing the Centerville schools will have 9 trees to plant.
- Have seen preliminary drawings for Cornerstone. Looking at possibilities of tree plantings including: Autumn Blaze Maple, Sun Valley Red Maple, Autumn Gold Ginko, Honey Locust, Dawn Redwood, Baby Blue Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, and Lilacs.
- Note on high winds that have recently visited Centerville: Joe is pleased to report that there have been no trees down or major limb damage. This is a direct result of the Public Works crews tree management (i.e., proper pruning and tree maintenance).
- New trash recycling cans will be distributed by spring.

## **Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau**

- The Architectural Preservation District (APD) is getting rid of parking signs.
- The Centerville Place is picking up - - voting on the plan is to take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Need to figure out financing then demolition will start. (Note: per a news release on January 17<sup>th</sup>, the private investor for Centerville Place has withdrawn the application for major redevelopment).

## **Good of the Order**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sandy Katulak.

Next Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.  
Public Works