

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - Aug 14, 2018**  
**PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

**Call to order and Welcome**

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Sandy Katulak (new member) Debbie Schmidt, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Jan Prettyman, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

The June 5, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

**Old Business**

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
  - Mystery Night Out on August 7th had 650 registered. Sue won a gift card to the Flowerman.
  - Complementary 50th Anniversary items were available at Boomerfest at St Leonard Retirement Community on August 11th and at the Centerville/Washington Township Firefighter's Ice Cream Social on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Birthday Party Concert on July 22nd at Stubbs Park. Cake provided by Dorothy Lane Market.
- Centerville Day at Dayton Dragon's Game on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Compton threw out the first pitch.
- **Recruiting new members**
  - Members should continue to place flyers at businesses as well as giving flyers to Summer Landscape winners.
  - City Beautiful Commission members are required to live in the City of Centerville. By ordinance, the Commission may have up to 15 members. Residents outside the city may apply to be Civic Volunteers.
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- **Maintenance of Four Corners**
  - Members agreed that the yellow marigolds were gorgeous and worked well. The yellow snapdragons got lost in the landscape. The alyssum around the border of the beds is still not doing well even with the upgraded irrigation system. Many did not survive.
  - Members should weed and deadhead (Marigolds) during their assigned weeks.

**New Business**

- **Welcome new member**
  - Welcomed new member Sandy Katulak. She has been approved and will be sworn in at the September City Council meeting.
- **Centerville Tree City Subcommittee**
  - Next meeting will be Friday, September 14th at 1:00 PM at Public Works.
- **Remind members about Summer Landscaping Awards**
  - Members should present Summer Landscape Awards by the 1st of the month and forward information to Mary Lou Pence. Release forms may be returned to the September 4th CBC meeting. By returning award winner information by the 1st, the photos and information can be presented at the appropriate City Council meeting.

- **Carol Adams' resignation as secretary**
  - Carol Adams has agreed to do the minutes for the August 14th meeting. She will not be present for the September 4th meeting.
- **Discuss two Mayor's Awards for 2018**
  - It was noted that Sue and Carol visited the Van Vleck family at 7790 Stanley Mill Drive to inform them that they will receive one of the 50th Anniversary Mayor's Awards at the September 17th City Council meeting. A tour of the yard followed.
  - It was suggested that September Community Pride Award be given to Cross Point Shopping Center. It was also suggested that Cross Point receive a Mayor's Award as part of the City's 50th anniversary celebration. CBC will need to work with the Mayor and Clerk to prepare a proclamation and a possible framed certificate for the management office. There would not be an ideal place to display a rock at the center. Members should confirm support for this award by contacting Sue and Mary Lou Pence.
  - Mary Lou Pence provided a list of residences that are eligible for the second residential Mayor's Award. A slide show of the yards followed. Votes should be sent to Mary Lou and Sue.
  - A thank you to Carol Adams for the Friends of Benham's Grove garden tour. It was noted that Sandy Holmes who gave a daylily information session, brought a daylily that will be registered with the "Benham's Grove" name for each attendee. Sandy Holmes also provided daylilies to be planted at Benham's Grove that will be registered with the "Friends of Benham's Grove" name.

**Urban Forestry Update:** Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- Joe was able to obtain samples of the Prickly Pear Cactus planted at a residence in Carol's neighborhood.
- Trees are continuing to be watered and pruned and some diseased trees are being removed.
- Six college students were hired as Summer Laborers for CPW and assisted with tree and shrub work. They did an outstanding job.
- Locust trees were treated for Calico Scale and Cherry and Purple Plum trees are being sprayed for fungus and Japanese Beetles.

**Council Liaison Remarks:** Mrs. Rau

- No report.

**Good of the Order:**

A motion was made to adjourn.

**Reminder:**

- Tree City Sub-committee meeting September 14th at 1:00 at Public Works.
- City Council meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> - Mayor's Awards will be presented.

**Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works**