

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – February 6, 2018
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), and Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist).

Absent: Allen Nelson and Arlene Tansey

The January 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

- **Spring Seminar (Blades of Glory: Growing a Fabulous Lawn)**
 - Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10 AM at Centerville High School Central Theater, 500 East Franklin Street, Centerville.
 - Speaker is Amanda Bennett: The Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator and the Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator with the OSU Extension in Miami County.
 - We hope to have door prizes from (some of) these businesses: Antiques Village, Mike's Carwash, Kroger, Siebenthaler's, City BBQ, Graeter's, Centerville Florist, and Grandma's Gardens.
 - The seminar will be advertised on the Stubbs Park sign starting February 26 as "Grow A Fabulous Lawn"

- **Updates for the 2019 Tree City Event, Friday, April 26, 2019, at Yankee Trace in Centerville. Information was on a sheet distributed to all Commission members.**
 - Jan Prettyman has an appointment with Jason at Yankee Trace to review the menu. Attendees will be able to choose between the California Wrap and the Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad when submitting their RSVP. A vegetarian option will need to be chosen. Deadline for food is a week before the event.
 - A twelve inch diameter tree will be cut down to make trivets for centerpieces for each of the twenty-two tables. The Commission decided against using live plants such as daylilies due to disease concerns. A vase with sand and an arrangement of red twig dogwoods and a bow may be considered.
 - Letters will be sent to local businesses asking for door prize donations and for local businesses to have displays at the event (in the hallway of Yankee Trace).
 - Will need to talk with Maureen regarding the walking tour which will be held after the luncheon.

- **Subcommittee met to review judging and award guidelines**
 - It was decided by the members to title the document "Summer Landscaping Award Guidelines". A draft copy of this updated document was given to each member and will be placed under the City Beautiful tab on the City website.
 - The Commission agreed to space repeat awards at three year intervals.
 - Mayor's Award will be increased to two awards in 2018.
 - Will investigate having the 50th anniversary logo placed on the award rocks.

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
 - Mary Lou handed out copies of the 50th Anniversary brochure and noted that the new banners are in place and will remain there for all of 2018.
 - A 50th Anniversary committee is planning a variety of events during the year including:
 - Centerville Day at the Dragon's Game in June with Mayor Compton throwing out the first pitch.
 - 50 trees will be planted for Arbor Day (with 50 third grade students invited)
 - Ceremony will be at Stubbs Park on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11 AM.
 - Portion of the 50 trees will be planted at Stubbs with the remainder at other City properties, in landscape beds, and/ or at gazebos.
 - The Centerville Corporation signs will have a 50th Anniversary plaque on them.
 - Mayor's Award will be increased to two awards in 2018.
 - Will investigate having the 50th anniversary logo placed on the award rocks.

- **Recruiting new members**
 - A copy of the letter inviting 2017 Summer Landscape Award winners to consider joining the Commission was given to each member. Will send same letter to the last several Mayor's award winners, too.
 - Also to send an e-mail to the 2017 seminar attendees inviting them, if they are a City resident, to consider joining the Commission.

New Business

- The Commission has been invited to meet with the City Council at their work session on either Monday, April 2 or 9 at 6:30 or 7:00 PM. It was decided on April 2nd. Time TBD.
- Maureen will interview Sue and Jan on 'Centerville Reports Today' (CRT) on March 6, 2018, at 1:30 concerning the City Beautiful Commission and to promote the Spring Seminar. The program will air on the government access channel for several weeks in March.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- Locust trees were run over on the Wilmington Pike median near Cornerstone.
- Blue Spruce tree is dying on triangular island on West Ridgeway. Looking to replace with three trees including one Red Horse Chestnut and possibly adding a brick pad and park bench.
- The Hawthorn Trees on the Rahn Road median were trimmed.

Council Liaison Remarks: Mrs. Rau

- On-going Centerville development projects:
 - Randall Residence (retirement and assisted living community) at the corner of Social Row and Paragon Roads is under construction.
 - The Allure - luxury apartments on Loop Road at the former cinema site are under construction.
 - The Gateway Lofts (Chardonnay) luxury apartments on the north side of Alex-Bell Road – construction is getting underway.

Good of the Order:

A motion was made to adjourn

Reminder:

- Tree City Luncheon Subcommittee meeting Friday, March 30 at 2 PM, Public Works

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works