

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – January 9, 2018
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

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

Absent: Carol Adams, Marilou Enslein (LOA), Debbie Schmidt, and Arlene Tansey.

The November 2017 minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

- **Updates for the 2019 Tree City Event (April 26, 2019)**
 - Sub-committee will be scheduling their next meeting later this month.
- **December Dinner** (in lieu of regular meeting)
 - Delightful evening enjoyed by all!
- **Subcommittee to review judging and award guidelines**
 - The subcommittee consisting of members Jan Prettyman, Mary Lou Pence, and Sue Jessee will meet later this month to review the judging and award guidelines.
- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary (of being a City) Celebration (2018)**
 - The Red Horse Chestnut is being recommended to be adopted (by ordinance) as Centerville's 'official' tree and be planted as part of these 50 trees. Will be set for public hearing at the January City Council meeting and acted upon at the February meeting.
 - Fifty trees will be planted for Arbor Day this year as part of the City's 50th Anniversary celebration.
 - The ceremony will be at Stubbs Park on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11 AM.
 - A portion of the 50 trees will be planted at Stubbs with the remaining at other City properties.
 - In addition to the Red Horse Chestnut, other tree types to be planted include several different maples, Japanese Lilacs, Yoshino Cherry, Blue Beech and white oaks.
 - Other plantings are planned to include gold and white flowers at Four Corners and other City beds, and possibly fall mums.

New Business:

- **Spring seminar:**
 - 'Blades of Glory: Growing a Fabulous Lawn' is the official title.

- Reviewed draft flier. MLP to finalize flier and send out so CBC members may start publicizing.
- Door prize soliciting: Local businesses will be contacted with each CBC member contacting at least one business.
- MLP to confirm date with the Mayor.
- Recruiting new members:
 - Sue and MLP will draft a letter to send to all of last year's winners inviting them to consider membership. Will include spring seminar flier.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- Have planted a number of replacement trees following crash damage or health of tree issues. These trees included Zelcova, locusts, and several types of maples.
- Also some trees were added around disc golf course at Stubbs Park. These included tulip trees, junipers, maples, and Lynwood Gold Forsythia.

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

- City Council will be asking member of various Boards and Commissions to come to a Council Work Session quarterly to provide an update of their activities.

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made

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