

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – September 4, 2018**  
**PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

**Call to order and Welcome**

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Sandy Katulak, Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), and Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Allen Nelson, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

The August 14, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

**Old Business**

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
  - 'Gold Out' at CHS football game on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Fall Festival Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 PM. Free event for the whole family.
  - Holiday Lighting – Gazebos and City Hall will be decorated this year.
  
- **Recruiting new members**
  - Jan has one potential resident who expressed an interest in a volunteer activity. She provided the CBC information and application packet.
  
- **Maintenance of Four Corners**
  - Members agreed that the yellow marigolds are gorgeous and worked well in the various City beds. They do need to be deadheaded regularly.
  - The alyssum around the border of the beds did not do well due to much of it having 'root rot' before being planted. A suggestion was made to take receipt of alyssum as well as all plants for Four Corners closer to the actual planting date to alleviate the chance of root rot, etc.
    - The challenge in this is that CPW staff receives and plants the bulk of the order earlier in the week; however this can be taken into consideration when planning next year's plant lists, gardens, and schedules.
  - CBC members need to service the area through mid-September. Sue reviewed the remaining schedule.
  
- **Carol Adams' service as secretary**
  - Carol Adams has agreed to continue as secretary. Thank you, Carol.
  
- **Mayor's Awards for 2018**
  - Both residential Mayor's Awards have been presented and winners will attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to be recognized.
  - In honor of the City celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it was decided to present a Community Pride Mayor's Award to Cross Pointe Shopping Center. They have been notified and together with their landscape company, will be in attendance at the September 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to be recognized. A proclamation will be prepared to be presented.
  - Sue, Carol, and Sandy plan to attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. All are welcome. Sandy will also be sworn in as a CBC Commission member that evening.

**New Business**

- **Zone assignment for new member**
  - It was determined that Sandy would work with Jan on Zone 2 for the time being as that zone is quite large/ spread out over several non-connected neighborhoods.

- **Centerville Tree City Subcommittee**

- Next meeting will be Friday, September 14th at 1:00 PM at Public Works.

- **2018 Seminar**

- Discussion was held regarding the Commission hosting a seminar in 2019 given that Centerville is already hosting the SW Ohio Tree City luncheon in late April 2019.
- The consensus was that it would be a shame to not host a seminar as it has been an annual occurrence and typical attendees would not be included in the Tree City event.
- The primary topic of interest for a seminar is shade gardening.
- Sandy will explore speaker options with Siebenthaler's.
- Joe Presutti and MLP will explore speaker options at Five Rivers Metro Parks.
- MLP will contact Centerville High School about reserving a date next March for the event.

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

- Joe reported that summer care is winding down with tree gator (watering) bags being removed by mid-September.
- Joe also reported that we have apparently lost 2 Red Horse Chestnut trees that were planted last spring and that crab-apple trees all around the City are in decline and being removed.

**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, October 2, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works**