

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION  
MINUTES – October 2, 2018  
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Jan Prettyman, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: Sandy Katulak, Allen Nelson, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt

The September 4, 2018 minutes were approved as presented

**Old Business**

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
  - Sunday, October 7, 2018, 2-5 PM Fall Family Festival at Stubbs Park
  - Thursday, October 4 & 11, 2018-Ghost Walk sponsored by Heart of Centerville, Centerville Library, Centerville-Washington Historical Society, and City of Centerville
  - Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 11 AM at Stubbs Park - Veteran's Day Ceremony
  - Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1-5 PM Hometown Holiday Walk in downtown Centerville
  - Sunday, December 2, 2018, 5 PM - Tree Lighting Ceremony at Benham's Grove
  
- **Recruiting new members - flyer; any results, contacts, etc.**
  - A couple of people considering membership on CBC.
  - Sandy Katulak was not sworn in at the October City Council meeting due to an injury so will be sworn in at the November City Council meeting
  
- **Maintenance of Four Corners**
  - CBC may need to extend the weeding season until the middle or end of September, especially if the weather stays warm.
  - It was suggested that photos be taken and sent to Staff if there are landscaping problems at Four Corners.
  
- **Discuss presentation of two residential and one community pride Mayor's Awards for 2018**
  - The Community Pride Mayor's Award was presented to Don and Gail Wright for Cross Point Shopping Center. The flowers were exceptional this summer.
  - The residential Mayor's Awards were presented to the Van Vleck family and the Heben family. It was noted that videos of the yards should be done before the flowers are removed.

**New Business**

- **Centerville Tree City Subcommittee - Review results of meeting**
  - The centerpieces will be the engraved tree rings with nothing placed on them.
  - Favors that will highlight Centerville businesses (such as Bill's Donuts) are being considered. Since Centerville businesses are sponsoring the Tree City Luncheon they will not be as likely to sponsor the Spring Seminar at the CHS. Carol Adams volunteered to donate some baskets of garden supplies for the Spring Seminar door prizes. Other CBC members may donate items.

- The golden shovel will be passed to the City of Sidney who will sponsor the luncheon in 2020.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Public Works
- **Discuss Spring Seminar "Shade Gardening" scheduled for March 9, 2019 at CHS**
  - Sandy Katulak has obtained a speaker from Siebenthaler's Garden Center
  - The event will be advertised in the November "Town Crier"
- **Schedule December dinner**
  - The dinner in lieu of the December CBC meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant.
  - It was decided to include \$25 gift cards to Cheddar's Restaurant at The Cornerstone in the Holiday Lighting Awards packets.

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

- Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist) distributed copies of the Fall Planting 2018 to CBC members.
- Marty and Joe attended the Urban Forestry Conference. Centerville to procure an Air Spade to move soil and get air to roots without killing the tree.
- Some street trees being lost, e.g., the very old year old Hackberry Tree on East Franklin Street. The oak trees on Wilmington Pike are being damaged by salt in winter; will need iron treatments.
- The average life of a street tree is 7 years due to clay soil, heat from hot pavement, etc. Trees on SR 48 not doing well.
- Centerville neighborhoods with large populations of elderly citizens are not as well kept as other neighborhoods. The City maintains a list of citizens and some church groups who volunteer to assist residents with yard work, leaf raking, and snow removal.

**Council Liaison Remarks:** Mrs. Rau

- No report

**Good of the Order:**

A motion was made to adjourn

**Reminder:**

- Tree City Subcommittee Meeting Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Public Works

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