

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – May 1, 2018
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Debbie Schmidt, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Jan Prettyman, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist); and guests Ashley Fry, CHS East Unit Junior (government class project), and Ashley's grandmother, Judith Guest.

Absent: Allen Nelson, Arlene Tansey, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison).

The April 2018 minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business

- **Arbor Day Wrap Up**
 - Very nice ceremony at Stubbs Park; cold but trees in full bloom. Third grade students from all Centerville area elementary schools except Spring Valley Academy and Miami Valley School were present to plant trees. Mayor Compton presided over the ceremony and many 50th anniversary gifts were available for students and attendees.

- **Tree City 2018 Luncheon Wrap Up**
 - Miamisburg hosted the 2018 Southwest Ohio Tree City Luncheon on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the B&B Riverfront Hall. Lunch was catered by Bullwinkle's and those who attended agreed that the details of the presentation showcased the city and the many businesses.
 - A new tradition was begun with the passing of the "Golden Shovel" which was presented to Mayor Compton and the City of Centerville, the host City for the 2019 Tree City Luncheon. Miamisburg Mayor Dick Church also presented a Buckeye Bush to the City of Centerville. The bush was planted at the Public Works Center. Mayor Compton donated his door prize plant which was also planted at the Centerville Public Works Center.
 - The next sub-committee meeting for the 2019 Tree City Luncheon will be Friday, June 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Public Works.

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
 - The 50th Anniversary history exhibit is now open at the Asahel Wright House.
 - There are many events scheduled throughout the year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. A complete list of those activities can be found by visiting the City's website: www.centervilleohio.gov.

- **Recruiting new members**
 - Several people have expressed interest in joining the City Beautiful Commission and at least one application has been submitted.
 - Members were encouraged to place recruiting fliers around the City.

New Business

- **Planting of Four Corners Saturday, May 19th, at 10:00 AM**
 - There will be complimentary lunch at City BBQ and ice cream at Graeter's for all who participate in flower planting at Four Corners. The flowers will be blue, gold, and white this year to reflect Centerville's Golden Anniversary.
 - The roses, Spirea, and Red Twig Dogwood have been trimmed.
 - The Bradford pear tree on north Main Street near Graeter's door will be taken down as it is in decline.
 - The packets for the Summer Landscaping Awards, yard signs, and award rocks will be available at the June meeting.
- **Sign Up Sheet for Four Corners Maintenance**
 - The sign-up sheet was circulated for members to volunteer for maintenance of the Four Corners beds for the summer.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 28th, 9:00 AM, Stubbs Park**
 - CBC members are encouraged to attend the ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park.
 - Members should wear the blue shirt and name tag.
- **Centerville Day at the Dayton Dragons - Sunday, June 10th**
 - Tickets should be ordered by May 14, 2018

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- It was suggested that Centerville could present a Red Horse Chestnut Tree, the Centerville City tree, to the 2020 TCUSA luncheon host during the 2019 luncheon.
- Centerville will receive 100 saplings from the Conservancy District in biodegradable pots for transplantation to replace the many Ash trees being removed. They will be 'temporarily' planted at Stubbs Park in order to establish more roots and structure.
- Red Horse Chestnut trees will be available later in the summer at Siebenthaler's and Knollwood for residents to purchase to planting in their own yards.

Council Liaison Remarks: Mrs. Rau

- No report

Good of the Order:

A motion was made to adjourn

Reminder:

- Four Corners Planting--Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 AM. Lunch at City BBQ and ice cream at Graeter's to follow.
- Centerville Tree City 2019 Event subcommittee Meeting - Friday, June 15th, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Public Works

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works