

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

Call to order and Welcome

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

Absent: Bill Abrams

The October 2, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Introduction and welcome to new members Sandy Katulak, who will be sworn in November 19th and Mary Ann Kabel, whose application is being processed.

**Old Business**

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
  - Sunday, October 7: Family Fall Fest was a successful event; attended by an estimated 2000 people; a very warm day
  - October 4 and 11: Ghost Walk Event did not sell out so may only host one date next year. This event is sponsored by Centerville-Washington History.
  - November 11: Veteran's Day Ceremony planned for 11 A.M. at Stubbs Park.
  - December 2: Holiday walk 1 - 5 PM; Centerville merchants will showcase their businesses; many will have holiday snacks available; Museums will be open, and horse-drawn carriage rides sponsored by Centerville-Washington History.
  - December 2: Tree lighting at Benham's Grove at 5:00 P.M. Performances by Miami Valley Dance Company, Centerville Community Band, and Cline Chorus. Santa arrives around 5:30 P.M.
- **Recruiting new members - flier; any results, contacts, etc.**
  - Still looking for new members
- **December dinner at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant**
  - There will be no regular December meeting. In lieu of the meeting there will be a holiday dinner on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant on West Franklin Street

**New Business**

- **Centerville Tree City Subcommittee**
  - Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Public Works
  - Mary Lou Pence displayed the wooden disc which will be engraved with the Tree City emblem and the Centerville City seal. Several ideas are being discussed as to how to display the centerpiece. It was suggested that it could be placed on a cake stand. It was also suggested that a vase or two with some type of floral or greenery arrangement could be placed beside or behind the disc. No final decision has been made.
- **Discuss Spring Seminar "Shade Gardening" scheduled for March 9, 2019 at CHS**
  - Sue Jessee and Maureen Russell-Hodgson will appear on government access cable channel to talk about the seminar.
  - Door prizes were discussed: possibly (extra) funds from CBC budget could be used to purchase gift cards in lieu of donations from members and businesses.

- The speaker for the event will be someone from Siebenthaler's Garden Center. It was noted that attendance was down last year due to the icy weather.
- **Allen Nelson's resignation**
  - Allen Nelson's resignation was accepted
- **Holiday Lighting Award nominees and winners**
  - The blue folders for Holiday Lighting awards were distributed. Members should begin judging light displays in their zone after Thanksgiving with December 10th being the deadline for submitting the winners. Nominees should be submitted to Mary Lou Pence for approval prior to making the award. The winner's information should be e-mailed to Carin Andrews, Clerk of Courts and Mary Lou Pence, Public Works. The release forms should be signed to allow the winner's name to be published and announced at the December 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

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

- Four Corners flower plan will be selected in January 2019.
- Drainage issues are being addressed on the back side of the City Building with some re-landscaping.
- Iron treatments have been done on oak trees along Wilmington Pike; Pear trees at Carriage Trace on Bigger Road are old and weak and losing limbs; Japanese Maples at City Building are declining due to girdling roots; holly trees at the Stubbs Amphitheater are declining due to vandalizing.
- Leaf pick-up continues; leaves are delivered to Tom's Mulch and Buckeye Lawn and Landscaping where they are composted and turned as leaf mulch.
- Trucks will soon be converted from leaf equipment operations to winter operations – plows, spreaders, and brine tanks.

**Council Liaison Remarks:** Mrs. Rau

- Working with City Manager, Wayne Davis, on 2019 City budget.
- Notable projects with the community included the completion and opening of the expanded Woodbourne Library
- An event is planned at Tower Heights Middle School on November 13<sup>th</sup> to promote/enhance community engagement with immigrants in the Centerville community.
- New Assistant City Manager is Mariah Butler-Vogelgesang.
- The new Economic Development Administrator is Holly Christmann.
- With the passage of the increase in City income tax, several new members have been added to the police force.

**Good of the Order:**

A motion was made to adjourn

**Reminder:**

- Rejuvenating the bows and holiday wreaths on Monday, November 12th at 1:00 PM at Public Works
- Tree City Subcommittee Meeting Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Public Works

**Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7 PM at Public Works**