

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – January 8, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

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

Absent: Sandy Katulak, Debbie Schmidt

The November 6, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Old Business

- **Holiday Lighting packets turned in**
- **Status of Tree City Luncheon**
 - Sherry displayed a small wreath with a small branch on which to prop the wooden disc. Will explore this idea further with some branches available in the Public Works yard.
 - Sue displayed small favor boxes in which to place 4 Bill's Donut holes. It was decided to order the boxes and paper baking cups in a neutral color and to create a sticker with the Bill's Donut logo. Carol will contact Lisa Elam about a donation of donut holes.
 - It was discussed to ask for a donation of Esther Price candy for favors. Two to three pieces wrapped in cellophane with the Esther Price logo on a sticker. Carol will contact the manager for this donation.
 - "Save the dates" have been sent to elected officials.
 - Tree photos from each participating City will be requested.
 - City officials in Lebanon and Miamisburg will be called to see how many people took their self-guided tours. Should the tour occur before or after the luncheon?
 - The Speaker will be George Gillespie. The topic is Ohio 811: public education and damage prevention. How to plant to protect utilities.
 - Mary Ann will provide literature and magnets on 'Right Tree right Place' program from DP&L.
 - Will also make mention that April is safe digging month.
- **Next Centerville Tree City Subcommittee meeting**
 - Friday, January 11 at 1:00 PM at Public Works
- **Status of Spring Seminar "Shade Gardening" on March 9, 2019 at CHS**
 - Developing advertisements: flyers for businesses and information will appear in the "Town Crier". E-mail attachments will be sent to members so they may send to friends and families.
 - A representative from Siebenthaler's Garden Center will be the speaker.
 - Carol will donate several baskets of gardening supplies for door prizes.

New Business

- **Welcome newest member Mary Ann Kabel**
 - Will be sworn in this month

- **Flower selection for the City needed as soon as possible**
 - Sherry suggested red, white, and blue at Four Corners to complement the existing plantings: red begonias, white begonias, blue salvia, and blue Angelonia.
 - Stockslager's will pull the stock this year.
- **Volunteer for secretary position**
 - Volunteer needed for the secretary position as Carol wishes to resign.
- **Discussion on assignment of zones for landscape awards**
 - It has been suggested that it can be difficult to make summer landscape awards in the member's own neighborhood. Most members will keep their current zone. Carol will take zone #6 and Mary Ann will take zone #3.
- **2019 calendar**
 - Sue distributed copies of the 2019 CBC calendar.
- **Discuss proposal to partner with Centerville Arts Commission (CAC) on artist reception this spring**
 - Some discussion, but reached no conclusion as we've received no further input from CAC.
- **City updates - Joe Presutti**
 - Joe distributed copies of the amount of leaves collected by the City Public Works Department for the 2018 Leaf Season. Largest collection year to date.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- Joe discussed some additional trees to be planted in the Pocket Park: Staked out 3 Norway Spruce Trees to help block the electric box and staked out for 4 Red Oak trees to fill in for the Maple trees that were removed.

Council Liaison Remarks: Mrs. Rau

- Starting in February there will be 2 official public City Council meetings and 1 work session each month.
- Yankee Trace debt has been paid off.
- City purchased property west of City Hall in anticipation of future development. Currently leasing the home.
- City Council Retreat February 2, 2019. Topics of discussion will include vacant/underused properties and parking in the APD.

Good of the Order:

A motion was made to adjourn

Reminder:

- Tree City Luncheon Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Public Works

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 7 PM at Public Works