

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – February 5, 2019**  
**PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Carol Adams, Mary Ann Kabel, Sandy Kataluk, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt

Absent: Sherry Leighty, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

The January 8, 2019 minutes were approved with one correction.

**Old Business**

- **Status of Tree City Luncheon**
  - Sue distributed a summary list of tasks for the event – refer to list.
    - Have received several positive responses from local dignitaries who will attend.
    - Carol reported on status of table favors.
    - Reviewed event set-up.
  - Next planning meeting will be Friday, February 15, 2019 at 1 PM at CPW.
  
- **Status of Spring Seminar "Shade Gardening" on March 9, 2019 at CHS**
  - Jan or Sue and Mayor to do welcome and introductions.
  - Fliers available for posting and distribution.
  - Please be there by 9 AM for set-up.
  - Will have sign-in, door prize, and City info tables.
  - Carol assembling door prize baskets. Will also check with several other merchants about door prize donations.
  - Sandy to send e-mail invite to last year's attendees.

**New Business**

- **Resignation:** Bill Abrams has requested to not be re-appointed having served two – three year terms. Bill was thanked for his service.
  
- **Recruiting:** Letters were sent to all 2018 award recipients inviting them to consider CBC membership. It was suggested that members also follow up with their winners.
  
- **Volunteer for secretary position**
  - Sandy will take role in August. Others will take turns each month until then
    - Carol – March
    - Debbie – April
    - Jan – May
    - Mary Ann - June
  
- **Arbor Day:**
  - Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11 AM at Benham's Grove.
  - CPW will work with Benham's Grove staff on tree selection and placement.

- Will plant 2 or 3 American Hophornbeam trees as part of the 9 trees to be planted. It has been designated the 2019 Society of Municipal Arborist's (SMA) Tree of the Year.
  - 'Save the date' e-mail notes have been sent to principals.
  - Will draft formal invitation for Sue's signature and to mail in early March.
  - All CBC members are encouraged to attend.
- **Annual flowers:**
    - Will plant red, white, and blue flowers City-wide this year.
    - At Four Corners red and white begonias, blue Angelonia, and blue Victoria salvia will be planted.
      - No alyssum will be used this year.
      - There was damage to the stone wall and a bollard at Four Corners that will be repaired prior to spring.
    - Will use a red marigold at Stubbs Park – new flower to the City. Marigolds did so well last year, it was decided to try this red variety.

**Urban Forestry Update:** Joe Presutti

- Joe reported that inventories have been taken of various horticulture supplies so 2019 stock can be ordered.
- Horticultural oil will be used this year to treat trees prior to their budding in the spring.
- There is a fair amount of winter damage from winds and ice on trees that will be pruned out.
- Working on Arbor Day tree selections.
- Making mulch for use in City beds from storm debris.
- Spring and summer are somewhat stressful for the arborist as plants are budding and blooming and deficiencies are more apparent.
- City is still collecting a few Christmas trees. These are turned to mulch.
- Joe quickly reviewed winter operations and appreciation for property owners who help by not plowing snow into the street, keeping vehicles off the street when winter operations are needed, and for clearing their sidewalk.

**Council Liaison Remarks:** nothing

**Good of the Order:**

A motion was made to adjourn

**Reminder:**

- Tree City Luncheon Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Public Works

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