

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

Call to order and Welcome

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

Visitor: Louise Haun

The February 5, 2019 minutes were accepted as written.

**Old Business**

- **Status of Tree City Luncheon**
  - Wendi Van Buren, ODNR attended the most recent planning meeting and is 'quite impressed with the organization' of the event.
  - Overall things are coming together nicely.
    - Favors
    - Centerpieces
    - Name tags – bundle by City per Wendi
    - Tree pictures from various cities due by April 12<sup>th</sup>. Wendi will 'put a bug in the ear' if we haven't heard from everyone.
  - Next planning meeting will be Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1 PM at CPW.
  
- **Spring Seminar "Shade Gardening" on March 9, 2019 at CHS**
  - Please be there by 9 AM for set-up.
  - Event starts at 10 AM
  - Registration table with sign-in list to include e-mail address request
    - Door prize tickets
  - Mayor to do introductions
    - Will provide speakers' bios to Mayor
  - Have all A/V needs planned/ in place
  - Door prizes include 3 baskets of gardening tools and a gift card from Centerville Florist

**New Business**

- **Arbor Day:**
  - Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11 AM at Benham's Grove.
    - Women's Club barn sale set-up that day for their Thursday – Saturday event.
  - CPW met with Benham's Grove staff today about tree selections
    - Weeping cherry
    - Red Horse Chestnut by barn and parking lot
    - Replace a Crab and a Pear tree by the barn due to ice damage
    - American Hophornbeam (Tree of the Year)
    - Crimson King Maple
    - Blue Spruce
  - Will draft formal invitation to schools for Sue's signature and to mail in early March.

- All CBC members are encouraged to attend.
- **Zone assignments**
  - Sandy will cover Zone 7 following Bill's resignation
  - Carol and Mary Ann will switch zones:
    - Zone 1 – Debbie
    - Zone 2 – Jan
    - Zone 3 – Mary Ann
    - Zone 4 – Sherry
    - Zone 5 – Sue
    - Zone 6 – Carol
    - Zone 7 - Sandy

**Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti**

- Joe reported on the following:
  - Met with BG Staff on Arbor Day – see notes above.
  - Planted 6 trees at the Pocket Park – 3 Red Oaks and 3 Norway Spruce
  - Replaced a number of street trees on Social Row Road and other locations due to crash damage and/ or winter storm damage.
  - Other accidents include stone wall being struck at Four Corners which also resulted in some perennial damage that will be addressed in the spring.
- Staff also added that the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> is 'National Public Works Week' and encouraged residents to say 'thank you' to their PW professionals.
- Staff also provided a quick snapshot of street repair and resurfacing work planned for 2019. Watch the upcoming town crier for details.

**Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau**

- Council will be holding 3 meetings per month – one Work Session and 2 Public Meetings
  - Goal is to shorten the length of the Public Meetings
  - One of the Public Meeting each month will focus on public recognitions as well as business items.
- Councilman Bill Serr retired from Graceworks this winter.

**Good of the Order:**

- Louise Haun shared a couple interesting snippets about trees in Ohio
  - The state's largest Buckeye tree is in Huron County measuring 77 feet tall and 140 inch around.
  - The state's largest cottonwood tree is in Delaware County. It is 136 feet tall with a crown measuring 135 feet in width.

With no further comment a motion was made to adjourn.

**Reminder:**

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

**Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7 PM at Public Works**