

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES

August 4, 2020

Public Works Center

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Carol Adams, Christa Corpstein, Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Deanna Arellano, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

Absent: Ann Kniess

Call to Order and Welcome

The June 2, 2020, meeting minutes were approved as written

Old Business

- Four Corners Flower Beds.
 - Discussed the maintenance of the Four Corners Flower Beds. Most of the members reported not much trash but many of the roses need deadheading. Sherry Leighty suggested they be deadheaded until the end of August and not after. Christa Corpstein volunteered to help Sue Jessee with the roses this week. It was also discussed that the large bed is so crowded it is very difficult to get to the middle of the bed to trim and maintain the flowers.
 - It was suggested that the Four Corners Flower Beds be put on the September agenda to have Debbie Schmidt/Laura Filaseta provide plans that were provided by Grandma's Gardens last fall. Laura Filaseta will research if the city has made any decisions on the four corners' future plans.
- Zone Judging
 - When sending nominations to be checked to Laura, she requested that in your email subject line type 'Zone ____' nominations, so it will be easier for her to find those emails and forward them to Sande for approval.
 - JoAnn discussed that the council meeting dates have fluctuated this year due to the pandemic thus the deadline has changed for the winners and pictures to be submitted to Laura for the presentation to be created to be shown at the council meeting. It was decided that all the final winners' pictures and their information should be sent to Laura by the last day of the month. The council meetings for September will be the 14 and the 21.
 - Mary Ann and/or Bob should send the winners, by zone, to Debbie Schmidt so she can keep the spreadsheet updated.
 - The name tag order has been resubmitted. Committee members would like to be wearing them when they approach the home owner.
 - The vote was taken for the August Community Pride winner and Dr. Al Dental on N.Main Street was the winner.

- Mayor's Award
 - In order to be eligible for the Mayor's Award the recipient should have won at least 3 times before.
 - Eligible recipients will be voted on by the committee members. The co-chairs will then notify the winner in person, have them sign the release form and invite them to the council meeting to receive their award.
 - The award is a Mayor's Award rock which is located in the small conference room in the Public Works Building. Arrangements need to be made to have the rock at the council meeting for the presentation.
- Holiday Lighting
 - There was a discussion if a sign should be placed in each zone winner's yard, but it was decided not to go that route as most people would not see it in the dark.
 - It was decided to have a Yankee Trace \$25.00 gift card awarded to each zone winner which could be used for dining, golf, pro shop, etc.
- Recruiting New Members
 - Deanna Arellano has been approved.
 - Deanna has a conflict with Monday night council meetings so a different date will be decided when she can be sworn in by the Mayor.

New Business

- All the future meetings will be held in the Public Works building.
- Laura Filaseta is the primary contact with the city.
- On the city's web site is information for City Beautiful grants. It hasn't been awarded in several years but will discuss at a future meeting.
- Discussed ordering City shirts to be worn when presenting awards and attending special events. Also discussed ordering jackets, which would be at our own expense. Laura will look into what is available.

Urban Forestry Update – Joe Prescutti

- Public Works has removed 52 dead/sick trees citywide – 28 of the trees were at the Munger House on Yankee Road.
- Trees are being elevated citywide for traffic, starting with Clio Road and treating for scale (insects) as they go. If some trees are dying and need to be removed, that is also happening.
- The rose bushes at Four Corners were sprayed again and are looking good.
- Scale is in full effect attacking locust, crab apple, elms, magnolias and many other trees in the city and are being treated.
- Bagworms on crab apple trees are out and are also starting to see eastern tent caterpillars.

Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau

- JoAnne discussed the first meeting of Sustainable Centerville Committee which focused on the structure of the committee, the vision and objectives, i.e. more electric stations, how is the water managed.

- The council has been discussing a biking, walking and multi-use trails committee. Springboro has a good committee already started.

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Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Public Works Building