

## **Centerville City Beautiful Commission**

### **Minutes March 3, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Present: Jan Prettyman (Chair), Allen Nelson, Karen Beal, Sherry Leighty, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Debbie Schmidt, Marilou Enslein, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Tom Wheeler, Bill Abrams

Guests: none

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Arlene Tansey was sworn in as a City Beautiful Commission member last night at City Council.

April 17th is the Tree City USA Awards Program hosted by the City of Wyoming, Ohio. Meet at Public Works at 8:30 AM for all members who are attending.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the Arbor Day Celebration at 10 AM on Iron Gate Park Drive. Tom Wheeler and Bill Abrams will introduce Mayor Kingseed. Allen Nelson will mail invitations to all elementary schools inviting them to the Arbor Day Celebration.

A motion was made by Yvonne Jacobson to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Karen Beal. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Spring Seminar**

- Saturday March 14th at 10 AM at the Centerville High School Central Theater
- CBC members should arrive by 9 AM.
- Directional signs are being made.
- Speaker, Joe Boggs, has been confirmed by Mary Lou Pence.
- Deputy Mayor, Brooks Compton, will Emcee at Spring Seminar.
- Bill Abrams and Tom Wheeler to award door prizes and announce individual donations.
- Jan Prettyman will pick up door prize donations from Centerville Florist, Oberer Florist, and Far Hills Florist on March 13, 2015 at 4 pm.
- Publicity - DDN articles, Town Crier article, CRT video presentation, emails to previous year's attendees, Master Gardener and garden clubs by Karen Beal, and the Stubbs Park event sign on Spring Valley will all be used for advertising.
- Sign in table: Karen Beal has fliers announcing Peter Hatch Seminar which is a presentation by Greater Montgomery County Master Gardeners Association on June 11, 2015.

- Table for door prizes: raffle tickets, basket for raffle tickets, and table covers are in the conference room at Public Works. Mary Lou Pence will bring them to Seminar.
- How many Commission members will attend the seminar? Assignments? Debbie Schmidt and Karen Beal will host the registration table. Allen Nelson will distribute raffle tickets. Tom Wheeler and Bill Abrams will award door prizes. Jan Prettyman, Yvonne Jacobson and Sherry Leighty will pass out flyers and greet at the door.

**Tree City/Staff update:**

- Joe Presutti, PW Staff is making good progress on a City-wide tree inventory.
- Arbor Day: Marty Tackett, PW Supervisor is securing tree prices.
- City is buying 12 trees for planting on Arbor Day.
- Marty Tackett and Joe Presutti attended The International Society for Arboriculture seminar to update their licenses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adopt a Park Project:**

- The City Beautiful Commission is concentrating on a new design/ re-landscaping of the City Building entrance.
- Mary Lou Pence said that the taxus yews could be removed as part of the new design.
- Sherry Leighty stopped by City Building to look at new options for the front of the building.

**Tree Discussion:**

- City Arborist Joe Presutti is completing tree inventories in the City's center medians etc., and a computerized inventory is being completed city-wide.
- 12 trees are to be planted on Iron Gate Park Drive by Fire Station 41 and the surrounding area. The trees will be planted in conjunction with the Arbor Day Celebration on April 15th. The trees selected are native trees: 6 Slender Silhouette Sweetgums and 6 Bowhall Maples.

**Report from JoAnne Rau-Council Liaison:**

- Developer has made proposal to City Council about new high end apartments behind Cross Point Shopping Center.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Sherry Leighty with a second by Marilou Enslein.

Adjournment at 8:03 PM.

Next meeting: April 7, 2015 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Allen Nelson