

## Centerville City Beautiful Commission

### Minutes April 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

Present: Jan Prettyman, Chair; Bill Abrams; Karen Beal; Marilou Enslein; Yvonne Jacobson; Sherry Leighty; Allen Nelson; Debbie Schmidt; Arlene Tansey; Tom Wheeler; and Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Judi Hetzer, JoAnne Rau, Council Liaison

Guests: None

#### **Announcements:**

Tree City awards luncheon will be held on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Those attending will meet at Public Works at 8:30 A.M. to travel to Wyoming, OH.

Arbor Day Celebration: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 on Iron Gate Park Drive at 10:00 A.M. Tom Wheeler and Bill Abrams will co-Emcee.

A motion was made by Sherry Leighty to accept the minutes from the March 3, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Debbie Schmidt. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Spring Seminar

- Attendance: It was discussed, "What can we do to increase attendance in 2016". It was suggested to put up more fliers next year in local restaurants. Bill Abrams suggested yard signs and will research the possibility of such signage for next year's Spring Seminar.
- Marilou Enslein to send thank you notes to donors of gifts for the Spring Seminar. Jan Prettyman to send thank you note to CHS custodian.
- Video of the presentation is available on You-Tube, the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

Four Corners plant selection and planting, Monday, May 11th and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, respectively

Sherry Leighty reported on Adopt a Park Project. She brought new design for a suggested re-landscaping the front of the City Building.

Spring and fall residential/business recognition. Karen Beal suggested sending a card of recognition. CBC members are encouraged, but not required to send cards.

Summer Landscape Awards: Packets will be ready for distribution at the June meeting. Also yard signs and award rocks will be ready for pick-up at the June meeting.

**New Business:**

A request was received from City Barbecue for the Commission to plant the Franklin Street side of the restaurant. The Commission decided not to take on additional plantings.

Sherry Leighty has suggested a speaker, Laura Deeter Ph.D. from OSU, for next year's Spring Seminar. This will be further discussed at the May Commission meeting.

Centerville-Washington Park District proposal: Report by Mary Lou Pence. The Park District has offered to work on a seminar or program together with the Commission.

**"Clean Sweep Week"** will take place the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Commission Tree Discussion:** Report by Mary Lou Pence on tree related work by City staff: Arbor Day Trees will be here Monday. Centerville continues to lose (Ash) trees in the City and more are being removed. Fifty Ash trees were removed over the winter from Stubbs Park and reforestation of that area continues with planting of heritage trees. Ash trees continue to be removed throughout the City. Also, an oak tree with a large split will be removed from the median on Rahn Road.

**Council Liaison comments:** NA

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Yvonne Jacobson with a second by Sherry Leighty.

Adjournment at: 8:24 P.M.

Next meeting: May 5, 2015 at 7 P.M.

Submitted by Allen Nelson