

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

Present: Jan Prettyman, Rob James, Mary Lou Pence, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, Bill Abrams, Marilou Enslein, Jo Ann Rau, Bonnie Sekley, Sherry Leighty

Absent: Karen Beal, Tom Wheeler, Debbie Schmidt, Allen Nelson

April Minutes: Patty Kraft made a motion to accept the April minutes and it was seconded by Yvonne Jacobson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Tree City Luncheon was held on April 11, 2014 in Tipp City. A group from the CBC attended and the program was very informative.
- Arbor Day Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 16 at Stubbs Park's Veterans Memorial. Third graders from various schools in the area attended and helped Mayor Kingseed plant cherry trees. It was a chilly morning and a bit muddy, but the children didn't mind a bit. Tom Wheeler was the MC for the event.

New Business:

- Flower selection will be on May 12. Some of the members of our commission will be going to Stockslager's nursery to pick out the flowers for the city.
- Flower delivery will be on May 13th.
- Annual Volunteer Salute Dinner will be held on May 15, 2014 at Yankee Trace Clubhouse. All are invited to this grand event.
- Planting of Four Corners will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 10 am. (Rain date is May 19th at 6 pm)
- Lunch to follow the planting event at City Bar-B-Que and dessert at Graeter's. Thanks to Patty Kraft for arranging this for our commission members.

Ongoing Business:

- Distribution of Landscape Awards packets. Patty Kraft went over the general rules for judging of homes in the various zones of the city. Judging will take place in July, August and September of this year because of the

hard winter we had. Information needs to be turned in by the 10th of the month.

- Thanks to Sherry Leighty for pruning all the bushes at the Four Corners and looking into the possibility of getting barricade mats to surround the trees on the edges of the beds.
- Rocks have been ordered by Mary Lou Pence for the monthly landscape winners.
- After some discussion, it was decided that the Mayor's award would continue to be a rock...a bit larger and more decorative than the monthly awards.
- Community Pride Awards
 - Check business, church entrances as well as condo and apartment entrances in your zone. Email suggestions to all members for input. Majority rule will determine monthly winner. Award plaque will be presented at city council meeting with announcement of residential winners
- Rob James mentioned that there is an issue with water runoff on North Main Street. Discussion followed and we will investigate the possibility of putting in some type of rubber barrier mat to absorb/re-route the water.
- Rob James brought up the subject of yard debris, grass clippings. Discussion followed and it was recommended that an article be put in Town Crier or possibly a segment on "Let's Talk Centerville" to cover this growing subject. Emphasis needs to put on putting the debris back into the ground through mulching, chipping etc. The possibility of doing a walk-about in one of our yards was also discussed.
- Pam Bennett's invoice was filed and a donation made to the OSU trial gardens in Springfield, Ohio.
- Possible field trip to Little Miami Flower Company near Yellow Springs, Ohio. Tom Wheeler will give more details at June meeting.

Next Meeting of the Centerville City Beautiful Commission will be held on June 3, 2014 at 7 pm at the Public Works Building in Centerville, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilou S. Enslein