

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Present: Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Bill Abrams, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Joann Rau, Debbie Schmidt, Sherry Leighty, Karen Beal, Tom Wheeler, Mary Lou Enslein

Absent: Allen Nelson, Patty Kraft, Bonnie Sekley, Rob James

May Minutes: Judy Hetzer made a motion to accept the May minutes and it was seconded by Karen Beal. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Summer Landscape award rocks and the Mayor's Award arrived and were distributed with the yard signs to all the zone judges.
2. Thank you to all who planted and to City BBQ and Graeter's for lunch. Note of thanks were sent to the managers of each eatery thanking them for their generosity.
3. Mary Lou Pence reported the watering system at Four Corner's had been checked and there are no dry spots.
4. Mary Lou Pence ask that we check all potential awards addresses with Public Works before making an award. PW needs 24 hrs. To verify there are no exterior issues and clear the property.
5. Four Corner's maintenance schedule was passed around to fill in the dates that were open from last meeting.

Old Business:

1. Tom Wheeler planned a trip to Chris and Maria Waymire's Little Miami Flower Company for June 21st. Any Commission member's planning on attending please meet at the Public Works Building at 10:00 a.m. A side trip to Young's Dairy on the return is planned.
2. Rob James yard debris suggestion was tabled until a later date when more commission members can have input.
3. Mary Lou Enslein asked if it was ok to nominate a condo complex for a landscaping nomination when a Commission Member lives in the complex. Most of the commission felt this was not a problem.
4. Discussion regarding awarding an honorable mention to the plantings around Centerville's public buildings such as Fire Houses, Post Office etc. Mary Lou Pence felt this be a conflict of interest.

New Business:

1. Jan asked if anyone would like to announce the July awards at the council meeting. Jan will continue to do the announcing.
2. Spring Seminar – we need to start planning the 2015 seminar. Centerville High School was agreed on for the venue.
3. Steve Foltz, a horticulturist from the Cincinnati Zoo was selected to be the speaker at the 2015 seminar.
4. Tom Benarczyk was also suggested as a speaker.

5. Mary Lou Enslein made the motion to ask Steve Faust to be our speaker for the spring 2015 seminar.
6. Mary Lou Pence ask if we would contact Steve Faust to confirm his availability so the reservation can be made at the high school. Karen Beal will check his availability and fee.
7. Karen Beal suggested Steve Faust for a Tree City and Arbor Day project for school children. Some discussion was held but no decision made at this time.
8. Mary Lou Pence stated that the goal of Stubbs Park was to plant native Ohio trees.
9. Jan Prettyman stated that any problems with Four Corner's or the landscaping awards be reported to her or Mary Lou Pence.

Council Liaison Comments: No report and no questions.

Mary Lou Pence reported to the Commission that Rob James is leaving to take a new job in Dublin, Ohio. His last day will be June 25, 2014. A card from the Commission will be sent.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:00 at the Public Works Building

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Sherry Leighty and Patty Kraft