

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2013

Members Present: Bill Abrams, Karen Beal, John Beals, Marilou Enslein, Judi Hetzer, Rob James, Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, and Debbie Schmidt

Members Absent: Yvonne Jacobson, Bonnie Sekely, Tom Wheeler

Patty Kraft made a motion to approve the February minutes and Jan Prettyman seconded the motion.

Seminar – March into Spring – March 23, 2013, Public Works Center

Schedule is as follows:

8:30 am – set up

10:00 am – speaker

11:00 am – Q & A

11:20 or so – door prizes

11:40 am – clean up

- Mary Lou Pence created the flyer and distributed to Commission members.
- Commission members will provide refreshments and beverages.
- Public Works will set up the room.
- Marilou Enslein and Mary Lou Pence will purchase door prizes.

Arbor Day – April 17 – 10 am, Benhams Grove

- Allen Nelson and Sherry Leighty will deliver or mail letters to the elementary school principals before Spring break.
- Tom Wheeler will be the master of ceremonies; Allen Nelson will be Tom's backup if he is unable to attend.
- Selection of trees
 - Tulip – 1
 - Flowering Dogwood – 3 (must be planted in sheltered area)
 - Weeping Willow or River Birch – 1 (must be planted near water)
 - Sweet Bay Magnolia – 2 (recommended the hardier variety)
 - Other – 2 (the Commission suggested American Beech, Kentucky Coffee).
 - Karen Beal will email other suggestions to Commission members.

Tree City Luncheon Friday, April 19, 2013, Green Hills (suburb of Cincinnati)

- Mary Lou Pence has not received the invitation.

Earth Day Event – April 20, 2013, Stubbs Park

- The event is from 12 – 4 p.m. It was suggested that Commission members work one-hour shifts.
- The Commission's table will use worms as its "theme." Jan Prettyman is working on obtaining a picture of worms. The Commission will have worm theme coloring pictures and worksheets available for attendees.
- Judy Hetzer is donating wild flower seeds for the Commission to distribute to attendees.

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- The Commission will finalize plans for this event at the April Commission meeting.

Business Landscape Award

- City Manager agreed with the Commission's recommendation for the City Beautiful Landscape Award to include businesses as well as residential awards.
- Cost to reface both sides of the existing Business Pride signs is \$180 per sign. Patty Kraft made a motion to reface two signs since usually there is only one Business Pride winner each month and Allen Nelson seconded the motion.
- Cost for "Landscape Award" signage to cover the business pride wording on the plaques is \$11 or \$15 depending on the color. The Commission voted for the medium dark color signage. Mary Lou Pence will get the signage for the signs and the plaques.
- Karen Beal made a motion to purchase the engraved rocks for the summer landscape winners to be available at the May meeting and Sherry Leighty seconded the motion. This will allow Commission members to present rocks to the monthly summer landscape winners when they are selected as the City Beautiful Award recipient.

Four Corners

- Brackets for two additional flags on the pole at Four Corners in the traffic box area have been installed.
- Public Works will reduce the amount of dirt in the Four Corners' beds before installing the mulch. This will be done prior to planting the flowers.
- The schedule for planting Four Corners is:
 - City to pull flowers at Stockslagers – May 13
 - Stockslagers deliver to Public Works – May 14
 - Planting at Four Corners – May 18 – 10 a.m.

Chairmanship

- Marilou Enslein's term as Chairperson will expire in March and she would like to relinquish the Chairperson role to someone else. She would be glad to mentor someone in this position (if they would like a mentor). Jan Prettyman volunteered for a one-year term and would welcome Marilou's assistance as a mentor. The CBC members gladly offered their assistance as well.

Volunteer Dinner

- April 11, 6 – 8:15 p.m., Yankee Trace. Maureen Russell-Hodgson will email invitations. RSVP to Maureen with dinner selection by April 1.

Tree City Academy

- Allen Nelson enrolled in the senior class scheduled to graduate March 20.

Sherry Leighty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Abrams seconded the motion.

Next meeting: April 2, 2013, 7 p.m., Public Works Center.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt