

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2013

Members Present: Bill Abrams, Karen Beal, Marilou Enslein, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Bonnie Sekely, and Tom Wheeler

Members Absent: John Beals, Allen Nelson, and Rob James

Tom Wheeler made a motion to approve the March minutes and Judi Hetzer seconded the motion.

Seminar – March into Spring – March 23, 2013, Public Works Center Wrap-Up

- Attendance was less than years past. Some reasons why may have been due to other events in the community on the same day, Spring break for some schools, and confusion about or disinterest in the subject matter. Commission will consider an earlier date in March for next year’s program. Sherry Leighty suggested the topic of flowers and a program title of “Centerville Blooms” as a possibility for next year’s program. With this topic, the Commission may need to consider a larger venue. The Public Works Center accommodates 80 and the Police Station accommodates 120.
- The speaker, Eric Sauer, donated his speaker fee to the Commission to purchase a tree for planting at Benham’s Grove.
- Marilou Enslein complimented the Commission’s teamwork preparing and cleaning up for the program.

Volunteer Dinner – April 11, Yankee Trace

- Reservation deadline was April 1. Commission members attending will sit together.

Arbor Day – April 17 – 10 am, Benham’s Grove

- Tom Wheeler will introduce the Mayor
- Selection of trees
 - Tulip – 2
 - Flowering Dogwood – 3
 - Weeping Willow - 2
 - Sweet Bay Magnolia – 2
 - Red Chestnut – 2

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

- The seven attendees will meet at 9:30 am at the Public Works Center to carpool.

City Beautiful Business and Residential Signage

- Residential signs will be available at the May Commission meeting. Rocks are on order.

Earth Day Event – April 20, 2013, Stubbs Park

- The Commission’s booth will use worms as its “theme.” Jan Prettyman obtained a “worm” poster and Sherry Leighty will frame it to display on an easel. The Commission is sharing the booth with another group who has an earth worm farm.

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- Judy Hetzer donated wild flower seeds that she packaged into small plastic bags and included planting instructions to distribute to attendees. Marilou Enslein also donated a bag of wild flower seeds.
- Karen Beal will provide a table and Mary Lou Pence will provide an overhead protective cover for the table.
- The shifts are:
 - 12 – 2 pm Sherry Leighty and Karen Beal
 - 2 – 3 pm Marilou Enslein and Tom Wheeler
 - 3 – 4 pm Patty Kraft and Bonnie Sekely

Tree Commission Academy

- Congratulations to Allen Nelson who graduated from the Tree Commission Academy on March 20, 2013.
- Karen Beal suggested that Centerville host the Tree City Academy or the Tree Commission luncheon as a means to show off the Centerville community. Suggested locations were St. Leonard and Benham's Grove.

Four Corners

- Public Works will reduce the amount of dirt in the Four Corners' beds before installing the mulch and weed control. This will be done prior to planting the flowers.
- The schedule for planting Four Corners on May 18 is:
 - 9:30 am Commission designers place flowers in beds
 - 10 am remaining Commissions members begin planting flowers
 - Patty Kraft will contact City Barbecue and Graeter's regarding complimentary food.

Chairmanship

- The Commission thanked Marilou Enslein for her service as Chairperson. Jan Prettyman begins as Chairperson on April 3, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt