

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2013

Members Present: Bill Abrams, Judy Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Tom Wheeler, Mary Lou Pence, Marilou Enslein, Rob James, John Beals, and Karen Beal.

Members Absent: Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Bonnie Sekely, and Patty Kraft.

Bill Abrams made a motion to approve the September minutes and Judy Hetzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

The Spring Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10 AM. The venue for the seminar was discussed. The size of the venue needs to be large enough to accommodate a larger attendance than in previous years. Patty Kraft had made arrangements to have Magsig Middle School and Mary Lou Pence had made arrangements to have the Police Department Meeting Room. With concerns about limiting the number of attendees at the Police Department and the handicap access at Magsig Middle School, Mary Lou Pence said that she would check on the Central Theatre at the Centerville High School. She will report back to the members before the next meeting so a decision can be made. A subcommittee to organize the Spring Seminar will be formed at the November meeting. It will be decided then about all the publicity that will be needed to advertise the seminar. It will require all the Commission members to be a part of the publicity.

There were no new applicants for the Commission Membership. The people who said they might be interested did not notify any members or turn in any new applications.

Congratulations to Tom Wheeler and Sherry Leighty on the renewal of their membership on the Commission. The question on limit of years on the Commission was brought up and Rob James will report back to members on the rule.

There is a need for a new Secretary for the commission because of the resignation of Debbie Schmidt. Members were asked to consider the position.

A report for Tree City USA was given by Rob James. An article will be included in the upcoming Town Crier on general information for home owners and their responsibility regarding dead and dying ash trees (on their property) that need to be trimmed or cut down. The report also included the number and type of trees removed and replanted in Stubbs Park, within roadway medians, and other locations in the city. The Tree City USA also has a website on the internet referencing the Board of Volunteers and requirements. Please read to view the requirements for Tree City USA.

The Boulevard (West Franklin Street) planting was discussed and it was recommended that the City Arborists, Marty and Joe, need to be included in the planning and design stages. Sherry recommended that such plants as sedum, roses, grasses and etc. be utilized in the initial plans and to watch out for invasive and plants that get too big. A committee of Sherry Leighty and Yvonne Jacobson will meet with Rob James and his staff to discuss the funding, watering/irrigation and size of the area. They will report back at the next meeting.

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Rob reported that a Public Works crew will clean up (i.e. pull annual flowers) Four Corners and Sherry discussed that spring is to time to prune.

New Business

Patty Kraft will prepare the holiday lighting packets ready and have them available at the November meeting. It was suggested that City BBQ gift certificates be given this year to the holiday winners. Bill Abrams made a motion to accept City BBQ gift certificates be given to the holiday winners. Judy Hetzer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

The seminar was discussed further as to the need for a publicity committee needing help for advertising. Mary Lou Pence will make up the flyers. The title of the seminar is “**Awesome Annals**”. We need to contact garden clubs, nurseries, any groups of interest, etc.

The December meeting will be December 3rd at Beef-O-Brady’s. Marilou Enslein will reserve the room for that evening for the Commission.

No further business, Tom Wheeler made a motion to adjourn and Sherry Leighty seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7 PM at Centerville Public Works.

Submitted by Karen Beal.