

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2012

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

Marilou Enslein introduced the Commission's new member, Bonnie Sekely.

August minutes were approved with the next meeting date changed.

Summer Landscape Award Winner's Reception

The Commission received high accolades from Council members and summer landscape winners for the reception held for the summer landscape winners.

Zone Realignment

Zone realignments were made as follows:

Zone 1	Debbie and Marilou
Zone 2	Jan and Karen
Zone 3	Judi and Yvonne
Zone 4	Allen and Sherry
Zone 5	Patty
Zone 6	Tom
Zone 7	Bonnie

Holiday Lighting Judging

The judging timeframe is December 1—10, 2012. Email the winner's name and address to Debbie James at the city offices by December 10 and copy Marilou Enslein and Patty Kraft. The Commission reviewed the judging criteria. Winners will receive gift cards from Centerville businesses, rotating gift cards from different businesses each year. This year winners will receive an Archers' restaurant gift card. Marilou Enslein reminded Commission members that selecting the Business Pride winner is the entire Commissions' responsibility. Email nominations to all Commission members to review and vote for their favorite.

It was suggested that the Summer Business Pride Award expand to include churches and condominiums and rename it the Community Award. A brief discussion followed and the Commission decided to table this until the January 2013 meeting. John Beals will discuss this with the City Manager at the October 8 Council meeting.

Allen Nelson will arrange the Commission's holiday gathering at Beef O'Brady's. It is confirmed for December 4, 6 p.m.

Police Department Plants

Jan Prettyman, Sherry Leighty and Marilou Enslein applied fertilizer to the plants and pruned the mother-in-law's tongue. The Police Department is watering the plants on a regular schedule and the plants are in good shape. The City Beautiful Commission will look at the plants and trim periodically as needed.

City Beautiful Commission Budget

A recommendation was made to purchase rose bushes to plant by the cottage at Four Corners, keep the liriopie in the ground, unearth the buried rocks, and trim the trees to spruce up the cottage area. The Commission received numerous compliments on the Four Corners landscaping and flowers.

Heritage Trees

Staff reported on the plan and progress of ash tree removals and subsequent Heritage tree program plantings at Stubbs Park. Work is on-going to remove dead and dying ash trees. Plans are in progress to order trees – types native to Ohio – to plant at the Park as part of the Heritage tree program.

Next meeting: January 8, 2013, 7 p.m., Public Works Center

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt