

## **Centerville City Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2010**

Members Present: Karen Beal, Kim Engleman, Carol Farquhar Nugent, Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Tom Wheeler

Members Absent: Jim Dell, Marilou Enslein, Rob James

### **Tree removal, replacement, and maintenance**

Mary Lou Pence distributed a list of proposed projects for the commission's consideration.

- Selection of Heritage trees has been completed by Public Works. Twenty trees that are native to Ohio will be planted at Stubbs Park.
- Interior plant maintenance at the police station –Access to the building after 6 p.m. is necessary for commission members to maintain the plants. Jan Prettyman will check the police station's hours of operation. Patty Kraft suggested that Marty from Public Works prepare a checklist for maintenance of the plants. Mary Lou Pence will discuss with Marty.
- Holiday lighting at Four Corners – Pat and Cliff Purdin have decorated the blue spruce tree in the past. Patty Kraft will contact them about decorating the tree again this year. The tree should be decorated before Centerville's Holiday Walk on November 21. Mary Lou Pence will request Public Works deliver a ladder, lights, and decorations to Four Corners for the Purdins.
- Decorating the blue spruce tree at Four Corners was one of the proposed projects for the commission. Concern about the danger of decorating the tree as it grows taller was mentioned. Mary Lou Pence said it may be possible to include the tree at Four Corners in a future holiday lighting contract bid process. She is also looking for additional companies to bid the job. Please let her know of companies who provide this service.

Proposed projects by Public Works will be reviewed at the January 4, 2011, meeting.

### **Tree Academy Update**

Karen Beal, Jan Prettyman, and Allen Nelson are attending the Tree Academy and reported they are learning a lot about trees!

### **Seminar Updates (February 12, 2011 at Benham's Grove and March 12, 2011, at Centerville Public Works building)**

Jan Prettyman will publicize the seminars in the next Town Crier. Other suggestions for advertising were Stubbs Park sign, the city's website, TV, CB Times, Dayton Daily News Neighbor's section, and work with Maureen at the city office, public places, and businesses. Carol Farquhar Nugent will create a flyer for the February and March 2011 seminars for commission members' review. Patty Kraft will contact Marvin Gardens for pictures and information about his program to include in the flyer. It was suggested the March program flyer be distributed to attendees at the February program. Also suggested mailing/emailing the February and March program flyers to those who attended the February 2010 program.

### **Holiday Lighting Awards**

Information packets were distributed and award criteria discussed. Commission members will judge holiday lights in the same zones as they judged summer landscaping with the exception of Yankee Trace – Carol Farquhar Nugent, and Rose Estates – Tom Wheeler.

Present the Siebenthaler's gift card (courtesy of the Centerville Beautiful Commission) and Siebenthaler's certificate for a 6" poinsettia (courtesy of Siebenthaler's) to the winner. (These were included in the packet of information distributed at the meeting). Please email Patty Kraft ([pattykraft@hotmail.com](mailto:pattykraft@hotmail.com)) the winner's name and address and send the paperwork with the winner's information by December 12.

It was discussed that in the future awards for winners be purchased from various Centerville businesses rather than the same one or two businesses the commission has used in the past. Therefore the commission supports a variety of Centerville companies.

### **Holiday Gathering**

The private room has been reserved at Beef O'Brady's for Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 7 p.m. This is open to commission members and their spouses or significant others!

Next meeting is January 4, 2011, 7 p.m. at the Public Works building.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt