

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

7:00 p.m. in the Public Works Building

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Sue Jessee, Carol Adams, Dustin Venters (Public Works), Sherry Leighty, and Jan Prettyman

Absent: Debbie Schmidt, Deanna Arellano, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), and Laura Filasetta (City of Centerville)

Call to Order and Welcome

The June 1, 2021, meeting minutes were approved. A meeting was not held in July.

Old Business

Four Corners Flower Bed

- Sherry Leighty trimmed back the roses. The suggestion was made to trim back the roses about 8" in March or April and potentially mid-summer each year to promote new growth.
- Additionally, the canes should be trimmed back on a similar cycle. The old ones are red and the new ones are green.
- Discussed different flower options in the beds for next year.

Nominees and Winners

- Mary Ann will present the August winners at the council meeting. The manager of The Woods Apartments will attend the meeting to receive the Community Pride Award.

City Beautiful Membership Guidelines

- Debbie Schmidt was absent so will discuss at the September meeting.

New Business

- Mayor's Award – voting on or before the September 7th meeting.
- CBC Charter complete, revising membership guidelines in the same consistent format.
- City of Centerville Beautification Grant – Waiting for more members before a subcommittee can be formed to work on the paperwork.
- The new logo will be engraved on the Community Pride Landscape, Summer Landscape and Holiday Lighting awards.
- Spring Seminar 2022 – The date has been set for April 9th. Sherry Leighty and Jan Prettyman are working to schedule Pam Bennett as our speaker. Pam has yet to confirm but will suggest an alternate/referral if she is unable to present.

Urban Forestry

- Dustin announced Centerville was once again named as a Tree City USA by Wendi Van Buren, ODNR Urban Forester.
- A number of trees have died, primarily the elms on Alex Bell and a few pine trees.
- The Norway Spruces at Stubbs Park are doing well.

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- Trees on Franklin Street were pruned along the Americana Festival parade route prior to the 4th of July celebration.
- Dustin will meet with the Washington Township Park District regarding the planting of more cherry trees at Stubbs Park, two were lost new the pond at Stubbs Park.

Good of the Order

Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Thursday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Stubbs Park around the pond. Thirty-three students from Centerville local schools, Council Members and City Beautiful members will be in attendance.

Tree City

The Tree City Luncheon for 2021 has been canceled but Wendy Van Buren, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will deliver Centerville's award to the City Chambers on Thursday, April 15th. (This was later postponed to a later date).

Map of Landscape Winners

After each month that the landscape winners are announced, their location will be marked on a Google Map by a city employee.

Summer Landscape Folder

- The folder will be handed out to each member at the May meeting.
- The rocks have been ordered.

City of Centerville Beautification Grant of \$250.00

The discussion regarding this grant was tabled until the May meeting.

Urban Forestry Update – Dustin Venters

- In the planning stages of the re-design of Stubbs Park. Searching for an architect or designer.
- Sixteen trees are on order to replace trees that were lost this year due to winter storms, car accidents, etc.

Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau

- Currently in the middle of the Uptown Plans. Considering a mural on one of the buildings and reaching out to an artist.
- The one level apartments for 55 and over community is currently being reviewed for construction at Cornerstone

Good of the Order

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
7:00 p.m. in the Public Works Building