

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 7, 2021
Meeting at Public Works Building

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Deanna Arellano, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Laura Filaseta (City of Centerville), and Dustin Venters (Public Works)

Visitor: Pam Rice-Wagner (invited by Bob Baldino)

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
- Motion made to approve the August 3, 2021, meeting minutes as written by Sherry Leighty, seconded by Bob Baldino.

Old Business

Four Corners

- Thanks to Commission members for maintaining Four Corners. Bob reported only small weeds and trash were present during his weeding. Final clean-up will occur after Public Works removes the flowers sometime in September.

Summer Landscaping Awards

- August Community Pride winner: a representative from the Woods Apartments of Centerville attended the August council meeting.
- Community Pride September nominees were voted on by Commission members and the winner was Superior Dental at 6673 Centerville Business Parkway. Bob will present them with the plaque and obtain paperwork and Public Works will install the Community Pride sign.
- Mayor's Award nominees were voted on by Commission members and the winner was John Gruenwald and Kathy Casterline at 6670 Leeds Circle. Bob will present the rock to them and obtain completed paperwork.
- September Community Pride winner: Superior Dental Care – Jane Fullmer will attend the September 13 council meeting to accept the award. Also, the 2021 Mayor's Award winner will attend the council meeting where they will be recognized by the Mayor and Council members.

Discussion CBC

- Review of final charter, mission, memberships, and responsibility list is on hold.

New Business

- Volunteer Salute – September 16, Yankee Trace Golf Club at 6:00 pm. Commission members provided their RSVP to Laura Filaseta.
- 1000 Cherry Tree Project – Dustin explained Alex Hara's project of gratitude for help after Japan's 2011 earthquake and tsunami by matching tree-for-tree donations of Yoshino Akebono cherry trees. Centerville will plant approximately 20 trees around the pond at Stubbs Park and on Virginia Avenue.

Summer Landscaping Awards

- Commission members voted to incorporate Centerville's new logo into the plaque design and continue with separate plaques for Community Pride and the holiday lighting awards.
- Submit Holiday lighting addresses to Laura by December 8 for approval and submit final award winners by December 10. Packets will be distributed at the November meeting.
- Take City Beautiful signs to Public Works in October.

2022 Spring Seminar

- Centerville High School small theatre has been reserved for April 9, 2022.
- Sherry contacted Pam Bennett, OSU Extension Horticulture Education, as the speaker. However, Ohio State Extension approves her speaking engagements. They are also aware that COVID restrictions may affect speaking engagements. Sherry has requested Pam provide a back-up speaker or referral if she is unable to present.

CBC Beautification Grant \$250 Promotion

- On hold until there are more Commission members to form a subcommittee.
- Discussed providing two grants: one for Uptown and another for the rest of the community.

Urban Forestry Update – Dustin Venters

- Public Works has cut down dead or dying trees in various medians throughout the city.
- Concentrating their work on catch basins.
- Comments from Public Work employees that Four Corners beds look good.
- Pam Rice-Wagner suggested Burr Oak trees may do well in the medians.

Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau

- Good attendance at the public Uptown meeting where architectural renderings were displayed. Centerville will be an entertainment district not a DORA. Centerville is out of liquor licenses.

Good of the Order

- Jan suggested reducing the number of CBC meetings. According to Wendi Van Buren, ODN R Urban Forester, six meetings annually are necessary to qualify for Tree City. Sue made the motion not to have the October meeting, Bob seconded the motion.
- **The October CBC meeting is cancelled, the next meeting is Tuesday, November 2, 2021.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 7 pm
Public Works Building