

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES
November 2, 2021
Meeting at Public Works Building

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

Bob invited Pam Rice-Wagner, but she is unable to attend until next year. The Commission discussed potential Commission members may attend meetings allowing them to see how meetings are conducted and if they would like to pursue membership.

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
- Motion made to approve the September 7, 2021, meeting minutes as written by Sue Jessee, seconded by Jan Prettyman.

Old Business

Holiday Lighting Awards

- Packets were distributed.
- Award guidelines were discussed.
- Submit potential award winner addresses to Laura by December 8 for approval.
- Submit final award winners – include photos and/or video to Laura by December 10.
- Laura will mail the \$25 gift cards for Yankee Trace to the Commission members to present to the winners.

2022 Spring Seminar

- April 9, 2022, 10 – 11:30 am, Centerville High School small theatre. Commission members arrive at 9 am.
- Guest speaker, Pam Bennett OSU Extension Horticulture Education
 - Pam's contact information: bennett27@osu.edu, 3130 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45505, 937-398-7600
- Laura will contact Pam about her fee (\$250) and provide a check, ask her about her topic, and title ideas for her program, and Pam's audio-visual requirements to ensure the high school can accommodate.
- Past attendee list and email them about seminar – Laura and Debbie will check if they have the file from past seminars.
- Registration form – Laura will check if she has the file used in the past.
- Marketing and promotion ideas: Kate Bostdorff advertise on Centerville information platforms, Stubbs Park information sign, Town Crier, distribute fliers at businesses.
- Gift cards and drawing – send business suggestions to Mary Ann for consolidation and she will distribute to Commission members who will divide and individually contact the businesses. Laura will provide a solicitation letter on City of Centerville letterhead for Commission members to use when approaching businesses.
- Committee leads are Sherry and Jan.

Volunteer Salute – attendees commented it was very nice and the steaks were delicious.

Discussion CBC (HOLD)

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

New Business

Holiday Gathering

- December 7, 6:00 pm, Bob will contact the Chop House and Carrabba's for availability for 12—15 people and notify Commission members.

Leadership Forum

- Council members, community leaders, and Centerville administration shared Centerville's strategic plan. The Commission members who attended were impressed and highly recommended attending if there is a forum again.

1000 Cherry Tree Project

- Dustin reported 24 trees were ordered, and final planting locations have not been determined. The donor suggests planting them in-mass for a greater impact. Dustin asked Commission members to send planting location ideas to him.

Yankee Trace

- Planting update – CBC involvement – Laura said when renovations are completed Yankee Trace may want CBC's involvement with flower beds.

CBC Beautification Grant \$250 Promotion – On hold

Urban Forestry Update – Dustin Venters

- Public Works has picked up one third of the leaves to date compared to previous years, around 300—400 cubic feet.
- Dustin is working on the Tree City application. The city may include the Centerville Washington Township Park District information on the application. Park districts do not qualify for Tree City application.

Good of the Order

- Sue mentioned that the Dayton Daily News had a nice article about Kettering Neighborhood Pride, listing members, award winners, description of their responsibilities. She has seen articles about them over the past couple of years. Would like to see Centerville Beautification Commission get some publicity also in the Dayton Daily News. Laura stated that social media is better than printed material. Bob mentioned that retirees and people who may have spare time to join CBC read the paper versus social media. Laura will discuss with Kate.
- Kettering Neighborhood Pride presents awards in June, July, and August. Sue would like CBC to consider doing the same because she believes it is difficult to make an award in September. Debbie said CBC changed to July, August, and September because flowers in June were limited because they were not planted or just planted and made it difficult to find a home worthy an award. Sherry said that Spring flowers may be blooming during award period, but they bloom a short time and when finished blooming

awarded homes displaying the landscaping award sign may not be a good representation. Further discussion was tabled until 2022.

- Jan distributed paperwork identifying Americana committees that need volunteers and asked CBC to spread the word.
- Jan explained the purpose of the Centerville Citizens Police Academy and there is a new class beginning in January 2022.

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

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 7 pm
Public Works building