

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Nancy Dye, Debbie Schmidt, Jan Prettyman, Gretchen Franck, Freda Black, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison) and James Freeman (Public Works)

Absent: Bob Baldino and Austin Steinke

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- Carol Adams motioned to accept the June 6, 2023, meeting minutes, Jan Prettyman seconded. Minutes were approved.
- Freda Black was introduced and welcomed to the commission.

Staff Report – Drew Simon:

- Uptown Restaurant Update:
 - Agave & Rye and Manna restaurants are open.
 - The Brunch Pub and Meridien (former Sweeney’s location) are scheduled to open in the fall.
 - A new parking lot is under construction next to the Brunch Pub with access to Franklin Street at Virginia Ave stoplight.
 - Temporary directional signage is set up for additional parking at Restoration Church. The city is currently working with Vineyard Church and Dr. Dr. Angy Mounir-Toufils requesting permission to use their parking lots.
- The flower beds at Four Corners flower beds look much better.
- The Summer Concert Series at Stubbs Park on Sunday evenings has been a big success with two concerts having close to 6,000 attendees.
- Sheetz (convenience store) is scheduled to attend a public meeting hosted by city council on July 25 at 7:00 PM to discuss a new location on Elsa’s property.
- The Heart of Centerville’s annual “Party in the Park” at Stubbs Park on Friday, July 14 with over 30 vendors, food trucks and the band, Stranger.
- The city council is temporarily meeting at the Centerville Police Station. Drew will invite all the July winners to attend the meeting.
- Over 300 pounds of fish were found dead at one of the four ponds at Stubbs Park. It was determined that the pond had “turned over”.

Old Business:

- Commission members voted unanimously for Gateway Lofts as the winner of the July Community Pride.
- Austin Steinke informed Drew he was unable to reach the homeowners at either of his two July nominees after multiple attempts. Jan Prettyman made the motion that his July winner will roll over to August and thus will have two winners in August. Gretchen Franck seconded. Motion was carried.

New Business: None

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URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE: James Freeman

- Trees throughout Uptown were freshly mulched during June for the Americana Festival and Parade.
- Several trees across the city have been slated for removal due to decline.
 - Three trees at Cornerstone
 - One ash tree on Clio Road
 - One Bradford Pear on S. Main
- One Hackberry tree on the northern edge of the Munger property had a major limb fall at the branch union as a result of included bark. The limb fell into an adjacent resident's yard. Public Works removed the limb and assessed the tree for further issues but concluded that the rest of the tree is structurally sound.
- Jotham Smith met with engineers and Public Works Director at 7491 Far Hills Avenue (Seeds to Trees Learning Academy) to discuss protecting established trees on the property as the city looks to have the building demolished and annexed into Centerville. Among these trees is a 70-80' English Oak, efforts will be made to preserve.
- Jotham Smith has been working on designs for our corporate limit sign beds throughout the city. He will have walkthrough videos at our next meeting to discuss design, plant options and preferences.

Council Liaison Remarks – Joanne Rau

- Centerville is one of 14 communities participating in the [Community Electric Aggregation Program](#) (MVCC). Harbor Energy supply/generation rate is 6.57 cents per kWh for a 28-month contract. Currently, the AES Ohio supply/generation rate is 10.8 cents per kWh. The Community Aggregation Program is an opt out program, all residents are automatically enrolled. August 11, 2023, is the deadline for eligible customers to opt out if you do not wish to be automatically enrolled in the program. An open house is scheduled at Sinclair CC on July 18 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM to learn more.
- Additionally, there are two public meetings scheduled to discuss I-675 Wilmington Pike Improvements:
 - In-person Meeting
Thursday, July 13 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Sinclair CC Centerville - 5800 Clio Road
 - Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, July 18 | 12:00 PM

GOOD of the ORDER – nothing to report.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 7:00 PM (Note the change in meeting date)

Public Works Building