

# CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7:00 PM in the Public Works Building

**Present:** Carol Adams, Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Gina Deek, Nancy Dyer, Gretchen Franck, Sue Jessee, Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Austin Steinke, Steve Connor (Public Works), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

**Absent:** Fredia Black, Jan Prettyman

### Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM
- Sue Jessee motioned to accept December 5, 2023 meeting minutes, Gretchen Franck seconded. Minutes approved.

### Staff Report – Drew Simon

- Stubbs park will close January 2024 for renovation and reopen May 2025. Highlights of the renovation include paved paths, amphitheater renovation to accommodate food trucks, storage for Public Works, entrance reconstruction, additional lighting and parking lots, and joining the two existing ponds. More information is available on the [city website](#).
- Summer concerts will be fewer and moved to St. Leonard campus. The City of Centerville will partner with St. Leonard for their annual Boomerfest.
- The Farmer's market will not take place in 2024 but may be revisited in 2025.
- Welcome Gina Deek as our new commission member. She will join Carol Adams in judging zone 6. Drew will order Gina's City Beautiful shirt and name tag.
- Drew reminded commission members to be mindful of due dates of summer landscaping awards. Consider moving December 2024 meeting date to the second week in December to accommodate business award vote. Revisit at the fall (September) meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Centerville Flowerscapes

- Drew reported that the RFP (Request for Proposal) was sent to vendors December 5 with a submission due date of January 26, 2024. The committee will review the RFPs and a proposal made to City Council. Once City Council approves, the City Manager will award the contract. Project to be completed in May 2024. Drew summarized the RFP items.
- Joanne Rau commented that Four Corners looked dark in comparison to the holiday lighting around the Franklin Street and St. Rt. 48 intersection. Drew will ask Centerville staff if the CBC can be involved with lighting in 2024. Encouraging more Centerville Uptown businesses to participate in lighting their businesses.

#### 2024 Spring Seminar

- Pam Corle-Bennett is confirmed for April 6 spring seminar. Topic will be hydrangeas.
- Bob will confirm reservation with Cline Elementary.
- Encourage door prizes to be garden/landscaping focused.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### New Meeting time

- Drew suggested moving the meeting time from 7 pm to 6 or 6:30 PM. Sue made a motion to move the meeting time to 6 PM, Gretchen seconded. Votes were: 6 in favor of 6 PM, 2 no votes, and 1 abstain. Motion carried and beginning in February the meetings will begin at 6 PM.

##### Important Dates for 2024

- Spring Seminar – Saturday, April 6
- Tree City USA Luncheon – April in Tipp City
- Arbor Day – April 23 at 11 AM at Iron Horse Park
- Summer landscaping and holiday awards – dependent upon council meeting dates. City calendar will be included with future City Beautiful meeting agendas for reference and planning purposes.

##### **Urban Forestry Update: Steve Connor**

- Urban forestry trees ordered, planted, and water bags installed.
- Tree city application approved, national approval pending. Leaf collection numbers are not permitted in the application. Centerville tree ordinance needs updated.

##### **Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau**

- Benham's Grove renovation will begin with the event center site.
- Centerville Station Road widening (beginning at Clio) and construction of hiker/biker trail will begin in 2026. The completion will be in phases: Phase 1 - Centerville Station Road widening from the Smith House entrance to the east in 2027. Phase 2 - Centerville Station Road widening from Southbury Road east to the Smith House entrance in 2028.
- Sheetz will acquire a new law firm to represent them in the case against the city of Centerville.
- Sheetz purchased Hope Methodist Church and its property on Wilmington Pike in Sugarcreek Township.

**Good of the Order** – No additional items to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

##### **Next Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

Public Works Building