

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – MAY 3, 2016
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

Present: Jan Prettyman (Chair), Marilou Enslein, Sherry Leighty, Debbie Schmidt, Tom Wheeler, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: Carol Adams, Arlene Tansey

Leave of Absence: Bill Abrams, Allen Nelson

Guest: Patricia Linegang

The April minutes were accepted as presented.

Announcements:

- Patricia Linegang's application is underway.
- Arbor Day went well and the turn-out/ participation was great! We received Dayton Daily News press and the Newscenter 7 drone was there.
- Tree City USA luncheon held on Friday, April 22nd was quite nice with Centerville receiving our 30th consecutive award!
 - Of note is that Ohio leads the nation with 241 Tree City USA recipients. The SW Ohio district has 42 of these.
- Centerville received an Environmental Grant from DP&L in the amount of \$50,000 to remove declining trees under power lines and plant new 'right place, right price' trees.

On the Calendar:

- Plant selection at Stockslager's
 - Meet at CPW at 9 AM on Monday, May 9th
 - Sherry and Jan plan to attend
- Four Corners flower planting
 - Saturday, May 14th at 10 AM – CPW will have flowers at Four Corners by 9 AM so Sherry can start lay-out ahead of members arriving to plant.
 - Rain date – Monday, May 16th at 5 PM
 - Lunch following planting at City BBQ.
- Volunteer Dinner at Yankee Trace
 - Thursday, May 19th at 6 PM
- Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 30th at 9 AM at Stubbs Park.

Old Business:

- "Trees in Trouble"

- Reminded CBC members of screening at Centerville Library on Wednesday, June 1st at 7 PM. Please come if you are able.
- Documentary focuses mainly on the EAB.
- Carriage Trace grant application
 - Will call again – no response from last calls.
 - Commission to consider review of grant guidelines at June meeting.

New Business:

- Summer landscape awards
 - Bring packets in June to receive updates for the season.
 - Award rocks and signs will be available for pick-up by CBC members at June meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding attendance at CBC meetings and Commission sponsored events.
 - Do not want to exclude interested/ potential members; however concern expressed about members being ‘snow birds’ and unavailable to attend/ participate in CBC activities for a period of time each year.
 - Reviewed information in Municipal Code regarding membership on CBC and determined that, while the Code provides for ‘action’ on the Commission’s part to address an attendance concern, it was decided to consider each case individually.
 - Furthermore any member that needs an extended leave must send a request to the City Clerk requesting an official leave of absence. This would typically be for a medical leave.
 - May consider a sub-committee to review and set a CBC ‘standard’ for participation/ attendance following the Municipal Code.

Urban Forestry update:

- Reviewed 2016 planned work regarding tree removals and plantings specifically related to DP&L grant received.
- Contract mowing and lawn care work well underway.
- PW crews will be planting flowers and placing mulch over next month.

Council Liaison Update:

- JoAnne Rau commented on the well done Arbor Day event and the nice Tree City USA luncheon.
- Also congratulated the City on receipt of the DP&L grant.
- Reminded everyone of Neighborhood meeting on May 9th at 6:30 PM at Benham’s Grove.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting June 7, 2016 at 7 pm at Public Works Center