

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2016
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

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

Absent: Marilou Enslein, Arlene Tansey

Leave of Absence: Allen Nelson

Guest: Sue Jessee

The May minutes were accepted as presented.

Announcements:

- Patricia Linegang has withdrawn application.
- Thank you to all for the efforts with Four Corner's planting. A special thank you to Sarah Spitler, Doug's daughter for her help. Jan circulated a sign-up sheet for weeding volunteers.
- 'Trees in Trouble' DVD presentation at Centerville Library on June 1st was well received with 30 attendees.
- Fall reception with City Council to recognize Summer Landscape award winners is set for Monday, October 17th at 7:30 PM.

Old Business:

- Still on the 'to do' list to review CBC Beautification Grant application guidelines
 - Have had no additional response from Carriage Trace.
 - Will look to create a form to accompany guidelines and application.

New Business:

- Summer landscape awards
 - Distributed new materials for packets (release forms, applications, etc.), yard signs, and award rocks.
 - Zone assignments:
 - 1 – Debbie Schmidt and Marilou Enslein
 - 2 - Jan Prettyman
 - 3 - Carol Adams
 - 4 – Sherry Leighty and Allen Nelson
 - 5 - Arlene Tansey
 - 6- Tom Wheeler
 - 7 – Bill Abrams

- Reviewed 'judging' guidelines
- Reminded CBC members to submit all addresses being considered for award to MLP to be reviewed for compliance with City zoning and property maintenance guidelines.
- Reminded CBC members to submit all winner's names, addresses and photos to Holly Bricker and MLP before the 10th of each month.
- E-mail Community Pride suggestions to Jan and MLP. A list of all CP nominations will be e-mailed to all CBC members for their input to determine the winner.

Urban Forestry update:

- Joe Presutti explained the occurrence of a mulch fungus that looks like dog vomit. Its appearance means that you have healthy mulch.
- The DP&L grant project to remove trees will start in late July with tree removals. Tree plantings will be done in the fall.

Council Liaison Update:

- JoAnne Rau reviewed the upcoming tax levy that will be on the November ballot. This is a 0.5% income tax increase and the first such request to Centerville residents since 1981. Of note:
 - Refuse collection is not tax supported rather it is funded by user fees.
 - Benhams' Grove is self-supporting
 - Yankee Trace debt payment will be completed in 2018.
 - Additional funds will be used to help off-set recent State funding cuts and to maintain services (police, street maintenance, etc.) at current levels.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting August 2, 2016 at 7 pm at Public Works Center