

**CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2016
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER**

Present: Jan Prettyman (Chair), Carol Adams, Marilou Enslein, Sue Jessee, Sherry Leighty, Debbie Schmidt, Arlene Tansey, Tom Wheeler, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: Bill Abrams, Allen Nelson, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

The October minutes were accepted as corrected.

Announcements:

- Jan Prettyman thanked everyone for cards and support (while she was out for medical reasons).
- Sherry Leighty held a bow making session for holiday decor on Monday, October 10th. 42 new bows were made for holiday wreaths. MLP can order more ribbon from Amazon if needed.
- Summer Landscape Award Reception held October 17th was sparsely attended with only 6 of 24 award winners in attendance. CBC will consider eliminating reception, instead sending thank you notes signed by all members.
- Sue Spiegel will be sworn in at the November 21st, 7:30 PM City Council meeting.

On the calendar:

- Monday, November 7th, 1:00 PM at CPW Training Room - assemble holiday wreaths.
- Election Day - Tuesday, November 8th. Please vote. Issue 3, a modest 0.5 percent income tax increase on the ballot.
- Friday, November 11th, 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road - Veterans Day ceremony by the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550. Alternate location in case of inclement weather is Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.
- Hometown Holiday Walk in Downtown Centerville, Sunday, November 20th, 1 - 5 PM. The 24th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 PM, at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Santa Claus will make a special appearance.
- Tuesday, December 6th, 6:15 PM at Paddy's on South Main Street. CBC will have dinner together in lieu of regular CBC meeting.
- Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 10:00 AM at Centerville High School. CBC's spring education program - topic Landscape Design with Jill Early, landscape designer for Kettering Hospital.

Old Business:

- The Summer Landscape Award winners have been published in the Town Crier.

New Business:

- Holiday Lighting Awards - New Blue Packets containing guidelines, release forms which include e-mail, previous winner list, gift card to Lock 27, map of City, CBC information were distributed.
 - After Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 24th) CBC members begin traveling the zone looking for festive holiday decorations.
 - Have addresses of all locations being considered for an award to MLP by Friday, December 9th.
 - Have all winners selected and awarded by Monday, December 12th. Winner needs to sign the release and be presented with the gift card (value = \$25 from Lock 27). No photograph needed. E-mail information to MLP and Carin Andrews by 12-12-16.
 - Winners announced at City Council meeting Monday, December 19th – Name and addresses are released to public so decorations may be viewed during the holidays.
 - Tuesday, January 3, 2017 - CBC meeting - return blue packets and release forms to MLP.

Urban Forestry update:

- Mary Lou Pence/Joe Presutti updated the Commission on the following tasks that were recently performed / are being performed by CPW:
 - Provided an update on the tree grant project
 - Tree planting - ginkgo (no fruit) on Wilmington Pike, Crimson King Maple on Main Street and in Stubbs Park, Osage Orange on Cloyo Road.
 - DPL sent representatives to place signs on East Franklin - " Right Tree - Right Place"
 - Four Corners
 - Trim spireas, cut back Red Twig Dogwoods every 2 years, cut back roses in the spring.
 - Lots of compliments - plants and flowers beautiful this year.
 - Annual Tree City Award - ODNR - Wendy Van Buren - Tree Academy course
 - Discussion of eliminating invasive Honeysuckle and Pear Trees.
 - Discussion of drainage problems at cottage at Benham's Grove.

Council Liaison Update:

- No report.

Good of the Order:

- Nothing new.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting: in lieu of a meeting, group will meet at Paddy's on South Main Street on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:15 PM