

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Present: Jan Prettyman (Chair), Bill Abrams, Carol Adams, Marilou Enslein, Sue Jessee, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Sue Spiegel, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist)

Absent: JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt, Arlene Tansey, Tom Wheeler

The November minutes were accepted as corrected.

Announcements:

- Passing of JoAnne Rau's (Council Liaison) mother-in-law. A card was signed by CBC members.
- 2017 Winter/Spring Centerville Citizen's Police Academy classes begin Wednesday evening, January 11, 6:30-9:30 P.M. in the training facility, Centerville Police Department, 155 West Spring Valley Road. It is a 12 week course which runs January, February, and March in the winter/ spring and August, September, October in the fall. Applications are still available at the Police Department lobby or the city's website. For further information, contact Officer John Davis at 937 428-4776.
- Weekly "all you can eat" Friday night Fish Fry resumes on Friday, January 6, 2017, at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace. This event runs through the winter and costs \$15.00 for "all you can eat". Reservations are strongly recommended.
- Residential and Community Pride Holiday Lighting awards were announced at the City Council Meeting on December 19, 2016.
 - A discussion ensued concerning the location of house numbers at night while looking for candidates for the lighting award.
 - It was suggested that possibly magnetic signs could be provided for the CBC members to use on their vehicle so citizens would be aware of CBC members working in an official capacity in the neighborhoods.
 - It was also suggested that appointments could be made by phone call to award winners so that the award could be presented at the resident's convenience.
- CBC members were reminded to turn in blue folders for Holiday Lighting Awards.
- City Manager, Greg Horn will retire July 5, 2017.

On the calendar:

- Martin Luther King Annual Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, January 16 at 7:30 A.M. at Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Tickets are \$20.00. Registration and tickets may be obtained at CWdiversity.org.
- Art at the Trace is presented on Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 6:30-9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Sponsored by the Arts Commission.

- Spring Seminar sponsored by the City Beautiful Commission Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in the Central Theater, Centerville High School, 500 E Franklin Street. Open to the public, no charge. Ample parking near the west entrance.
- "Next Steps Senior Transitions" program presented by Allen Nelson at Centerville Library, 11 West Spring Valley Pike on March 11, 2017.

Old Business:

- Jan Prettyman (Chair) will be meeting with the Mayor regarding discontinuing the Fall Reception for Summer Landscape Award recipients. The 2016 reception was sparsely attended with only 6 of 24 award winners in attendance. It was suggested by CBC members that thank you notes be sent instead of planning a reception. If the Council still believes that a reception should take place, possibly a change to September might increase attendance.

New Business:

- Spring Seminar "Landscape Design" with speaker Jill Early of Kettering Medical Center. Sherry Leighty will send card to Ms. Early confirm her commitment. The speaking fee is (typically) \$100.00.
 - Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Central Theater, Centerville High School, 500 E. Franklin Street.
 - Mayor Compton has agreed to introduce the speaker and present a few remarks.
 - We will have wayfinding signs to direct attendees from East Franklin Street to the Theater.
 - Door Prizes for raffle - Tom Wheeler and Bill Abrams will again facilitate the raffle. Possible donations: Gardening book from Jan Prettyman; Siebenthaler's Garden Center - Sue Jessee will contact; Marion's Piazza and Square One - Sue Spiegel will contact; Grandma's Garden - Carol Adams will contact; other possible donations include Centerville Florist, Kroger (gave fern last year), and Centerville Mill. Gifts or gift cards are usually in the \$25.00 - 50.00 range.
 - Registration tables - volunteers needed to be greeters and register attendees.
 - Publicity - Fliers to place around the city, GA Channel 5, and U-Tube video with Maureen Russell Hodgson. Press releases, Maureen and MLP, Spring issue of Town Crier, City's website.
 - CHS support personnel
 - Audio/Visual equipment - Jill Early will have flash drive and will need laptop computer.
- Arbor Day
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 11 AM, tentatively at Stubbs Park. Nine trees will be planted with assistance for third grade students. The tree selection will be made at a later time.
- Tree City Luncheon
 - Luncheon will be Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Countryside YMCA in Lebanon. Details forthcoming once the invitation is received.
 - Centerville will host Tree City event in 2019.
 - Centerville has again been named a Tree City USA for 2016

Urban Forestry update:

- Joe Presutti from City staff is a certified Municipal Arborist, Master Gardener, and Heavy Equipment Operator.
 - Provided an update on the tree grant project
 - Tree planting - ginkgos on Wilmington Pike
 - Public Works trimmed spireas, cut back Red Twig Dogwoods, and will cut back roses in the spring at Four Corners. Rose bushes should be standard sizes.
 - Discussion of eliminating invasive Honeysuckle and Pear Trees.
 - Educational fliers regarding planting and pruning trees available on website and at Spring Seminar.

Council Liaison Update:

- No report.

Good of the Order:

- Nothing new.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7 PM at Public Works