

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

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

Absent: Marilou Enslein, Allen Nelson, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Arlene Tansey, Tom Wheeler

The February minutes were approved as written.

Announcements:

- Thank you note for flowers from Marilou Enslein.
- Tom Wheeler returning from Florida; will assist Bill Abrams with door prize raffle at Spring Seminar.
- CBC Videotaping for on 2/14/17 for Spring Seminar; aired on GATV channel 5 and U-verse channel 99 from 2/14/17 through 2/20/17.
- Spring Seminar advertised on Soft Rock 92.9 and in Dayton Daily News.
- Oberer Florist - flower arranging event possibly every 2 weeks; 63 in class. Class in Centerville for 20-25; cost \$20.00.
- Jan Prettyman announced that her chairmanship term has expired. She will serve again if there is no interest in the position.

On the calendar:

- Landscape Design Seminar, March 11, 2017, 10 AM, Central Theater, Centerville High School.
- Arbor Day Celebration, April 19, 2017, 11:00 AM, Benham's Grove.
- Tree City Luncheon, April 21, 2017, Countryside YMCA, 1699 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, Ohio, 9 AM-1 PM.

Old Business:

- Spring Seminar
 - CBC members should arrive by 9 AM; wear name tags; dress is business casual.
 - Registration table: sign-up sheets will include name, city and e-mail address of those attending. Hand-outs of speaker's notes and door prize tickets at table.
 - Door prizes obtained include: one dozen roses from Centerville Florist, gift card from Siebenthaler's Garden Center, pizza party for 8 from Marion's Piazza, \$50 gift card from Grandma's Garden, a garden book, and a gardening bag from Ace Hardware. Raffle will be done by Tom Wheeler and Bill Abrams. MLP handed out thank you notes to be sent to door prize donors.
 - Miami Valley Communications Council will videotape.
- Arbor Day Celebration
 - Wear blue shirt and/or name tag; 9 trees for each of the 9 elementary schools will be planted by third-graders: 1 Weeping Willow, 3 Chestnut Oaks, 2 Colorado Spruce, 1 Japanese Lilac and 2 Redbud. CBC members arrive at 10:30 AM. Save-the-date notes were sent, formal invitation need to be sent.

Jan Prettyman will do this. As Spring Break is March 31-April 10, these need to go out within the next week or so. The Arbor Day tree planting will be videotaped by MVCC, photographed, appear on website, and in Town Crier.

- Tree City Luncheon
 - MLP compiled a list of those CBC members planning to attend. Some CBC members driving themselves. Those going together will meet at Public Works at 9:15 AM to leave by 9:30 AM. We will arrive by 10:00 AM for registration at the YMCA. We will not do the tour of Historic Downtown Lebanon. Opening remarks at 11:00, buffet lunch at 11:15 and program at 11:45. The City will purchase tickets.
 - Jan Perryman (Chair) spoke with the Mayor regarding the poor attendance at Summer Landscaping Award Reception. It was agreed to discontinue the reception for the coming year and send thank you notes to the winners instead.

New Business:

- New Community Pride Summer Landscape and Holiday Lighting Award Plaques have been received and the rocks for the Summer Landscape Awards have been ordered. CBC members will not be photographing winner's homes. Joe MacKenzie (MVCC) will videotape award winners' yards. They will appear on Cable channel 5, U-verse channel 99 and You-tube. He needs 1 - 2 week notice in order to have time to prepare presentation. Remember to submit your list of candidates to MLP for approval. CBC members will choose winners, obtain releases, and present award rocks.
- Car magnets for use by CBC members as they drive looking for award candidates not approved by City Manager.
- Sherri Leighty suggested possible program for the Spring Seminar for 2018: Amanda Bennett, "Blooms and Blades" (PowerPoint program on lawn care). She is Educator for Ohio State Extension Service Master Gardener Program. Her book is Blades of Glory.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence, Joe Presutti

- Articles on website: Sharpening pruning tools, Right plant/right place, invasive species: Honeysuckle and pear trees.
- Tree trimming and tree planting continue

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

- No report

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 PM at Public Works