

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

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

Absent: Bill Abrams, Marilou Enslein, Sue Jessee, Allen Nelson

The March minutes were approved as written.

Announcements:

- A short discussion took place concerning the car magnets for CBC members working in neighborhoods for Summer Landscaping Awards and Holiday Lighting Awards. MLP reported that the car magnets were not approved by the City Manager. MLP stated that City cars are available for CBC members if they prefer not to drive private vehicles.
- Tom Wheeler will resign from CBC at the end of September.
- It was noted that CBC is in need of new members.
- Jan Prettyman (Chair) announced that her term as CBC Chair has ended and the new CBC chair will be Sue Jessee.
- A thank you note was received from Sandee and Fred Lageman for the March 11, 2017 Spring Seminar. They complimented the thoroughness of the program by Jill Early, the Landscape Designer for Kettering Hospital. They were appreciative of the \$50 gift card donated by Siebenthaler Garden Center which they won at the seminar.

On the calendar:

- Arbor Day Celebration: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 11:00 AM, Benham's Grove.
- Tree City Luncheon: Friday, April 21, 2017, 10 AM-1 PM, Countryside YMCA, 1699 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, Ohio.
- Plant selection: Monday, May 8, 2017, 8:30 AM, Stockslager's Nursery and Greenhouses, New Lebanon, Ohio (Sherry Leighty plus 2-3 CBC members)
- Volunteer Salute: Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 PM, Golf Club at Yankee Trace
- Four Corners Planting: Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:00 AM (alternate date for inclement weather is Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:30 PM)

Old Business:

- Spring Seminar wrap-up:
 - Approximately 125 people attended; because of a larger than expected turnout, information sheets were provided to only 100 attendees.
 - Debbie Schmidt will compile a spread sheet of the seminar attendees' e-mail addresses for the invitations for the 2018 seminar.
 - Consider sending invitations for 2018 seminar to local businesses such as Ace Hardware, Eddie's, and Ziehler's Lawn and Landscaping, etc.
- Greg Horn, Centerville City Manager for 25 years (40 years total in public service) retires in July. There will be an Open House with Mayor Compton presiding.

- Arbor Day Celebration: CBC members meet at 10:40 AM. Wear blue shirt (weather permitting) and/or name tag. Nine trees, one for each elementary school serving the Centerville area, will be planted by third-graders from each school: 1 Weeping Willow, 3 Chestnut Oaks, 2 Colorado Spruce, 1 Japanese Lilac and 2 Redbud. The ceremony will be videotaped by MVCC, photographed, and appear on the website and in the "Town Crier".
- Tree City Luncheon: MLP compiled a list of CBC members planning to attend. Some 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 10:00AM 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.

New Business:

- Volunteer Salute: Sit-down dinner at Golf Club at Yankee Trace; CBC members will sit together. Jan has submitted a list of CBC accomplishments for 2016 and projected projects for 2017.
- Plant Selection: Meet at CPW on Monday, May 8 at 2017, 8:30 AM to travel to Stockslager's Nursery, New Lebanon.
- 4 Corners Planting: Carol Adams will check with City Barbeque about providing lunch and with Graeter's about providing dessert for participating members.
- Spring Seminar date selected for next year: Saturday, March 17, 2018 in the Central Theater at CHS (booked). Sherry Leighty obtained speaker: Amanda Bennett, "Blooms and Blades" (Powerpoint program on lawn care). She is an Educator for the Ohio State Extension Service Master Gardener Program. Her book is Blades of Glory.
- Discussion of Tree City Luncheon 2019 to be hosted by Centerville. Opened discussion on event. Due to Easter possible dates being considered are Thursday, April 25 or Friday, April 26, 2019. The fee is usually \$20.00 or less: it is \$17.00 this year. Possible venues are Benham's Grove in the tent, Yankee Trace, Incarnation Catholic Church or Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- Summer Landscape Award packets should be turned in to MLP: Award rocks will be ready for pick up at June meeting as will yard signs and updated packets. There will be no Fall reception, just thank-you notes to conclude the award season.

Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti

- Tree planting and tree trimming continue: Ash Bore treatment continues.
- Three new staff members; full-time with required trainings.
- Summer workers needed; apply on website.
- Sue Spiegel discussed problems with litter; will consider a plan for neighborhood volunteers to begin a program for litter control.
- City received a grant and purchased recycling containers. Distribution of the first round of these containers is underway. Residents who participate in recycling on select routes were provided a container. City-wide approximately 60% of our residents recycle. This first phase includes approximately 700 customers. When a neighborhood is targeted for recycling containers, residents will receive a letter from the City detailing the program and the containers will be dropped off. A second grant is being applied for to purchase another batch of containers.

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

- New apartment complex approved by City Council for area behind Cross Point Shopping Center. There will be 7 buildings; 3-4 stories with 1 and 2 bedroom units. Parking will be under the buildings. There will be a pool and green space and a walk-through to the shopping center. The developer is Mills/Morgan. A traffic impact study is being conducted.

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7 PM at Public Works