

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – MAY 2, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Bill Abrams, 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: Marilou Enslein, Allen Nelson

The April minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business:

- Arbor Day:
 - Students from seven elementary schools planted trees at Benham's Grove. Nine trees planted, one per elementary school. Attendance seemed smaller than usual.
- Tree City Luncheon
 - CBC members who attended felt that it was well done. The venue accommodated the crowd but some felt that the food could have been better and warmer.
 - A discussion ensued concerning the length of the program. The program was longer than the 30 minutes noted in the program.
 - It was noted that the 2018 will be hosted by the City of Miamisburg and will be held at Cox Arboretum.
- Reminder of Plant Selection on Monday, May 8, 2017, 8:30 AM (Sherry Leighty plus 2-3 CBC members) at Stockslager's.
 - Discussion about making flower purchase from a Centerville business or securing donations. CBC is able to buy wholesale with no sales tax from Stockslager's.
 - Budget of \$1900 is \$300-400 less than usual due to eliminating flower beds on SR 48/ Far Hills Ave. across from Bethany Lutheran Village. Those beds now have grass (sod) with mulch around the trees. Perennials such as black-eyed Susan's and daisies will be planted on the north side of Clio Road east of Bigger on City-owned property.
- Reminder of Volunteer Salute Dinner, Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 at Yankee Trace Clubhouse. RSVP to Maureen Russell-Hodgson. CBC members will sit together.
- Reminder of Four Corners Planting on Saturday May 13 at 2017, 10:00 AM. Members can enjoy complimentary lunch afterwards at City BBQ and then Graeter's Ice Cream for dessert (alternate date in case of inclement weather is Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:30 PM.) MLP will e-mail if planting is cancelled due to weather. Trash bags, plants, and brooms provided; bring your own tools and knee pads. Sherry Leighty will lay out plants; Public Works will do light mulching after planting. An instruction sheet regarding rose pruning was distributed; Sherry and Carol pruned roses.

New Business

- Four Corners flower maintenance sign-up sheet distributed. Duties include weeding, picking up trash, and deadheading roses. Trash may be placed in dumpsters behind City BBQ.

- A subcommittee was formed to start planning the Tree City Luncheon in Centerville in 2019. The following members volunteered: Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, and Arlene Tansey. Topics to be explored:
 - Venue - If Yankee Trace is chosen, a large portion of the budget could be spent on food. If Benham's Grove is considered, there is a problem with number of restrooms and being handicapped accessible. The tent can be uncomfortable in cold and rainy weather. The Wellness Center at St Leonard was mentioned.
 - Date - April 25 or 26, 2019 are possibilities.
 - Price - A \$20.00 maximum for meal, venue, mailing, speaker and decorations is usual. The ticket price was \$17.00 this year. The CBC budget from the City is \$5000, which we rarely spend. Possibly an increase from the City for the 2019 budget. MLP gave the highlights of CBC annual spending.
 - Historical area walking tour
 - Speaker – one speaker option has been contacted but looking at other options.
- Review CBC Attendance Policy - copies of the policy distributed and a discussion ensued. It was noted that three unexcused absences from regular meetings will be cause for dismissal from the commission. Failing to notify the Chair would be an unexcused absence. Long-term sick leave of 6 months for illness or travel will be voted on by City Council. This topic was tabled for further discussion at a later date.
- Summer Landscape Award: The 2017 Summer Landscape Award packets, rocks and signs will be distributed at the June meeting. Satellite dishes cannot be a cause to not nominate a property for award. Reminder - Tom Wheeler will be retiring in September, 2017; he has Zone 6. A replacement for Zone 6 will be needed.

Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti and Mary Lou Pence

- Tree planting on Wilmington Pike completed. Water bags will be in place on newly planted trees around town from Father's Day to Labor Day; approximately 200 trees will have water bags this year.
- Some Crabapple trees are being lost. Crimson King Maple Tree in median of SR 48 near Fireside Drive removed and will be replaced.
- Public Works uses woody brush that is collected and to make mulch used in City maintained beds around town. Leaves collected in the Fall are used to make leaf mulch. Ginko and Spruce Trees planted on Forest Brook; some trees tipping in the wind.
- Dead trees to be removed on City-owned property on south side of South Social Row Road and on the west end of Rahn Road.

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

- A discussion about the resident who is voluntarily collecting trash and the concern for his safety. The Commission expressed their appreciation for his efforts.

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7 PM at Public Works