

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

Call to order and Welcome

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

Absent: Marilou Enslein (LOA), Allen Nelson, Sue Spiegel, Arlene Tansey

The June minutes were approved as corrected.

**Old Business**

- Updates for the Tree City Event
  - Mayor Compton has agreed to budget more money for the 2019 Tree City Event.
    - The new City Manager has proposed a 5-year operating budget instead of the current 2-year budget plan.
  - It was indicated that City Council members will pay for their own meals at the event. Local dignitaries and elected officials will be invited and their meals will be complimentary.
  - The Ohio State Extension Service should be considered as a possible speaker resource for the event.
- Four Corners flower planting and maintenance
  - It was noted that some sprinkler heads are broken. The beds will be truck watered until Fall when the irrigation system may be reworked.
  - The trimming of the Red Twig Dogwood bushes was discussed.
  - The possibility of planting trees at Four Corners and in front of City Barbeque was discussed.

**New Business:**

- Mayor's Award
  - Residents who have won the Summer Landscape Award 3-4 times are eligible for this award.
  - The winner will receive an invitation to the September City Council meeting to receive their award rock.
  - Once a property owner receives a Mayor's Award, they are ineligible to receive further awards.
  - Commission members need to review list of eligible Mayor's Award candidates and send your votes in so the 2017 winner can be determined at the September meeting.
- Length of time between awards
  - It was noted that 3 years between awards for both Residential and Community Pride awards has been customary in the past.
  - Businesses should be established for at least one year before receiving a Community Pride Award. Churches are not included in this category. Some

businesses are not eligible for the award due to zoning and/ or property maintenance violations.

- It was suggested that the guidelines for awards should be published in the CBC section of the City's website. No decision was made; however the Commission will consider establishing a sub-committee to review and update, as necessary the guidelines over the winter.
- Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration as a City occurs in 2018. A City Staff subcommittee was formed to explore methods of celebration throughout the year. Ideas being considered include banners with a special logo, a golf outing, picnics before summer concerts, incorporating a special event into the annual Americana Festival, and planting 50 trees as part of the Arbor Day Celebration.

**Urban Forestry Update:** Joe Presutti and Mary Lou Pence

- Ash trees have been removed from Stubbs Park and along Social Row.
- Spraying continues for bagworms on Alex-Bell Rd, for Japanese Beetles on Red Maples on Wilmington Pike, and on roses in beds all around the City.
- Tree Academy: Program cost is \$35 and will occur at John Bryan Thursday, August 31, 2017 and Thursday, September 7, 2017. It will be at Caesar's Creek Wednesday and Thursday, October 18 and 19, 2017. It is a very good but intensive program requiring homework and a project. If you are interested in attending please let MLP know.

**Council Liaison Update:** JoAnne Rau

JoAnne Rau, Sally and John Beals and approximately 20 Centerville residents attended the Sister City event in Germany staying in homes of local people. It was noted that many large, mature trees are grown and moved often. Some are trimmed in shapes and some form arches. Many large trees are shipped out to other locations.

**Good of the Order:**

A motion to adjourn was made.

**Reminders:**

**Tree City 2019 Subcommittee meeting Friday, August 25, 2017, 1 PM at Public Works**

**Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 7 PM at Public Works**