

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – September 5, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Wayne Davis (Centerville's new City Manager), Sue Jessee (Chair), Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Jan Prettyman, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Sue Spiegel, Arlene Tansey, and Tom Wheeler

Absent: Bill Abrams, Marilou Enslein (LOA), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), and Debbie Schmidt

The August minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

- **Updates for the 2019 Tree City Event**
 - Subcommittee met on August 25, 2017 and discussed the following topics:
 - Location will be The Golf Club at Yankee Trace
 - Invitations will be mailed to the Southwest Ohio Tree Cities and dignitaries; approximately 75-80 invitations.
 - Historical district walking tour will begin at Benham's Grove after the luncheon since the shops and stone buildings will be open at that time. Maps distributed after the luncheon.
 - Exploration of speaker options: 1.) Sherry Leighty checking with the Ohio State Extension Service and 2.) Arlene Tansey checking with Siebenthaler's or Xenia Tree Commission.
 - It was decided that a 30 minute presentation would be best.
 - Centerpieces: still looking into a tree section as the base. It was noted that the Centerville City flower is the Daylily.
- **Four Corners flower planting and maintenance**
 - It was noted by some members that there is a lot of trash not being picked up by the businesses and whether this is the responsibility of the CBC members doing maintenance. The new Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis suggested taking photos of the various problems.
 - It was noted that the irrigation system needs improvement as some of the flowers at the edges, especially the alyssum, are dry and not thriving. It was noted that the plants should be moved back from the edge in future plantings.
 - It was also noted that the Red Twig Dogwoods are getting too large and crowding the rose bushes. Some adjustments in the type of plants may need to be made in accordance with the irrigation system updates.

New Business:

- Mayor's Award: A vote was taken and 1258 Water's Edge was chosen for this award. Tom Wheeler volunteered to invite the residents of the winning address to the September City Council meeting which is September 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM, to receive their award.
- Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration 2018.

- Many of the celebrations will be during the regular planned events such as: birthday cake at a summer concert; reading items from 1968 City Council meetings at the regular Centerville City Council meeting; Historical Society display; and the holding the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 2, 2017 at Benham's Grove – the actual date Centerville become a City.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence

- 1100 Ash trees have been removed from the 65 acre Stubbs Park. This essentially completes Ash tree removals at the Park.
- Fifty trees will be planted for the 50th anniversary celebration during the Arbor Day Celebration, which will likely take place at Stubbs Park. Nine trees will still be planted in honor of the nine elementary schools located in Centerville and the remaining trees planted in the Park or around the City.
- New trees will be in the north end of the Park around the disc golf course.
- A reminder that we are entering leaf season. Collection starts October 9th.

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

- JoAnne Rau thanked Tom Wheeler for his service to the CBC as this was his last meeting. He mentioned that he would like to help with the Tree City luncheon in 2019.
- Two recent Summer Landscape Award winners have expressed interest in becoming members of the CBC: Suzanne Finke and Joe Willhoite. Both were invited to a meeting.

At the end of the meeting Mary Lou Pence stated that \$250 had been added to the 2018 CBC Operating Budget to be used to help with the planning of the 2019 Tree City Luncheon. She also reminded members to bring yard signs to the October meeting as well as the green folders. The new City Manager Wayne Davis noted that he recommends that the City go to a 5-year Operating Budget plan rather than the current 2-year budget. Adjustments can be made in the later years.

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made

Reminders:

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7 PM at Public Works