

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – November 7, 2017
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Debbie Schmidt, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), Joe Willhoite (guest interested in joining CBC)

Absent: Bill Abrams, Marilou Enslein (LOA), Allen Nelson, Jan Prettyman, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Arlene Tansey

The October minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

- **Updates for the 2019 Tree City Event (April 26, 2019)**
 - The next subcommittee meeting postponed from November 10, 2017 due to scheduling conflicts. Will reschedule planning meeting after the holidays, probably sometime in January 2018.
 - Exploring possible speaker from DP&L "Right Tree; Right Place" program.
- **December Dinner**
 - December Dinner (in lieu of regular meeting) - Sweeney's Seafood on West Franklin Street - Tuesday, December 5th, 2017, at 6:30 PM
- **Gift cards for Holiday Lighting winners**
 - Sweeney's \$25 gift cards are for the winners are included in the Holiday Lighting packets.
- **Subcommittee to review judging and award guidelines**
 - The subcommittee consisting of members Jan Prettyman, Mary Lou Pence, and Sue Jessee will meet during the winter months to review the judging and award guidelines.
- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary (of being a City) Celebration (2018)**
 - Fifty trees will be planted on or around Arbor Day as part of the City's 50th Anniversary celebration. The Red Horse Chestnut is recommended to be adopted as Centerville's 'official' tree and be planted as part of these 50 trees. Several CBC members expressed concern about this tree due to its hardiness. MLP will consult with Wendi Van Buren, ODNR on these concerns. Nine trees will still be planted on Arbor Day as part of the ceremony – one tree representing each of the 9 elementary schools serving Centerville.
 - Other plantings are planned to include gold and white flowers at Four Corners and other City beds, fall mums, as well as several other types of trees for Arbor Day planting (diversification).

New Business:

- Holiday Lighting Award Packets distributed. There are 7 zones with one winner per zone. CBC members should begin observing light displays after Thanksgiving with the award made by and winners e-mailed to Mary Lou Pence and Carin Andrews by

December 11, 2017 so they may be announced at the December 18th City Council meeting. Be sure to obtain release forms and it is recommended to present the award during daytime hours.

- CBC members mentioned that residents need to make their house numbers more visible at night. MLP stated that there is information on the City's website about house numbers and mailbox locations, etc. Included is an encouragement for residents to 'shake their mailbox' to make sure it is sound, especially going into winter and snow plowing season.
- CBC members should evaluate Centerville businesses for the Community Pride lighting award and share their findings in a group e-mail so the Commission can come to consensus on the award.
- Tree lighting of the Benham's Grove Christmas Tree will take place at 5:30 PM Sunday, November 19th as part of the Holiday Walk.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- Maple trees are not doing well on Social Row Road medians. Also losing some Lindens and pears around the City. A locust tree was run over on Feedwire Road.
- Crabapple trees are stressed and blooming in fall rather than spring. They lost leaves due to the Apple Scab fungal disease. After the ash trees were removed from Stubbs Park the landscape was cleaned out and elevated by cutting down honeysuckle and grasses.
- The Veteran's Day Program will be Saturday, November 11th at 11 AM at Stubbs Park. The Cherry Trees around the pond at the Veteran's Memorial were planted in mud and not doing well. (These were planted on Arbor Day 2014). The fountain in the Veteran's Pond will be pulled out for winter and pond outlet structure and bank was redone.

Council Liaison Update: JoAnne Rau

No report

Good of the Order:

A motion to adjourn was made

Reminders:

- December Dinner (in lieu of December meeting) at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant on West Franklin Street on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 PM.
- Monday, December 11th- Holiday Lighting Award winners names e-mailed to Carin Andrews and Mary Lou Pence

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works