

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – April 3, 2018
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Call to order and Welcome.

Present: Sue Jessee (Chair), Carol Adams, Debbie Schmidt, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison).

Absent: Bill Abrams, Allen Nelson, Joe Presutti, Jan Prettyman, Arlene Tansey.

The March 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

- **Spring Seminar Wrap Up**
 - 53 people attended, which was good considering the inclement weather.
 - There were lots of great door prizes which were handed out by Allen, Bill, and Jan.

- **Updates on the 2019 Tree City Event, Thursday, April 26, 2019, at Yankee Trace in Centerville**
 - The Tree City subcommittee met March 30, 2018; discussion to firm up plans for the centerpieces for the tables was included.
 - Discussion regarding the speaker for the event: Mary Lou will contact Holly Wiggins to request a speaker from DP&L to talk about how to plant trees correctly at/ around utility lines. Will also contact OUPS to request a speaker on Senate Bill 128 - Call before you dig laws. This topic could be expanded to included requirements for work done in the Right-of Way and reminding excavators doing the work they must call OUPS to have utilities marked.

- **Centerville's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018**
 - Magnets with schedule of events for the year will be mailed to all residents.

- **Recruiting new members**
 - Mary Lou will e-mail a draft flyer to CBC members to copy and place at various places in the community.
 - We have not heard from Tom Conway and JoAnn Spangler who attended the March CBC meeting as guests/prospective members. They did attend the Spring Seminar.

- **Miamisburg Tree City Event - Friday, April 20, 2018**
 - There will be 6 staff members and 6 CBC members going to Miamisburg. We will not attend the Heritage tour. We will meet at Public Works at 10:00 AM to carpool to the event. The Mayor and City Manager are attending.

- **Commission invited to meet with City Council Monday, April 2, 2018**
 - Six members of the CBC including the staff liaison, Mary Lou Pence, attended the City Council meeting. Sue Jessee (Chair) had a written summary listing the Commission's

2017 accomplishments and the 2018 plans. Each member participated in review of the prepared list. City Council seemed pleased and appreciative of the work being done by the CBC.

New Business

- **Arbor Day--Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 11:00 AM at Stubbs Park**
 - Meet at the amphitheater: if the weather is warm enough wear blue shirt and name tag.
 - Sue Jessee (Chair) will recognize the representative third graders from each of the elementary schools. She will also introduce Mayor Compton.
 - The trees have been ordered and will arrive that week. There will be 20 Red Horse Chestnut trees (the newly adopted City tree). They will be planted at all City buildings, some gazebos, the Pocket Park, and the triangular area on Ridgeway.

- **Four Corners Planting--Saturday, May 19th, 2018 at 10:00 AM**
 - We will have lunch at City BBQ and ice cream at Graeter's after planting. Carol Adams will check with both businesses as this is usually complimentary.
 - We will be keeping with the 50th Anniversary theme by planting Blue Angelonia, Yellow Snapdragons, Yellow Marigolds, and White Alyssum.

- Sue Jessee read a letter sent to the CBC from Yvonne Jacobson, a former member of the Commission. Yvonne presented information about a resident has won the Summer Landscape award multiple times over a nearly 20 years span and feels they should be considered for the Mayor's Award this year. She and many of their neighbors feel they are most deserving of this award. Commission members will take this recommendation under consideration when considering Mayor's award candidates this year.

Urban Forestry Update: Mary Lou Pence and Joe Presutti

- No Report

Council Liaison Remarks: Mrs. Rau

- JoAnne Rau forwarded a message from the City Council regarding rear yard landscaping at Yankee Trace being eligible for a Community Pride Award. It was noted that the landscaping must be visible from a public street in order to be eligible for a CBC award. The Yankee Trace HOA is encouraged to consider making its own awards for rear yards visible for the golf course.
- Some Council members had expressed an interest in considering giving awards for fall and Halloween Decorations. This idea was not popular with CBC members.

Good of the Order:

A motion was made to adjourn.

Reminder:

- Arbor Day--Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Stubbs Park.
- Miamisburg Tree City Event--Friday, April 20, 2018. Meet at Public Works at 10:00 AM to carpool. Registration at 10:30 AM.

- Four Corners Planting - Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Lunch at City BBQ and ice cream at Graeter's to follow.
- Centerville Tree City 2019 planning sub-committee Meeting - Friday, June 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Public Works.

Next CBC meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 7 PM at Public Works