

CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD
MINUTES – November 7, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Melissa Hyde called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 6:02 p.m. in the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jane Allinder
Mark DiGiando
Joseph Keehner
Teresa Woolley
Melissa Hyde

In attendance from the City Administration was Tony Collins, Director and Troy Euton, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 5 - 0 and was approved.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Allinder made a **MOTION** to approve the November 7, 2007 agenda; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0 and was approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Ordinance

The Board discussed the draft Tree Ordinance distributed to Board members at the September 5, 2007 meeting. Board Members had an opportunity after the last meeting to make additional suggestions to the Tree Ordinance.

Board recommended the following changes to the draft Tree Ordinance:

- Include Ordinance to the title: City of Gahanna Tree Replacement **Ordinance**
- Introduction paragraph is to be bulleted
- Introduction paragraph; last sentence should read: Therefore, to ensure Gahanna will maintain its beneficial environment, this Tree Replacement ~~policy~~ **ordinance** has been adopted.
- Paragraph (a) (1) replace with: Major trees having a trunk diameter ~~over two~~ **of five** inches and over are to be replaced **on** an inch per inch basis
- Paragraph (b)(2) ~~section A~~ should be included immediately following the last sentence

- Paragraph (c) (3) replace with: Replace as many trees as is practical within this ~~affected~~ another subdivision
- Paragraph (c) (5) replace with: Pay a fee per **inch of** tree in accordance with the fee schedule adopted and approved by the City Council to support the city's effort to replace the trees. **The fee for 2008 will be \$300 per inch for trees five inches and over.**

Collins will make the revisions and present the final Tree Replacement Ordinance to the Planning Commission.

Allinder made a **MOTION** recommending the Tree Replacement Ordinance be presented to the Planning Commission; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, yes, Woolley, Yes and Hyde, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0 and was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Collins received a letter from David Willis a resident recommending that the Landscape Board give an award for the improvement of the area of Morrison and Taylor Road, where the new Roslovic Building and grounds are located. What an improvement to the corner; maybe an article with pictures in the local newspaper. Also hope there are plans to improve the look at Hamilton road coming into the city. After some discussion the Board will discuss community landscape awards at the January 2008 meeting.

Collins stated that the street tree crew which consists of a crew leader and three crew members have pruned 2,241 trees, removed 77 trees and planted 108 trees since January 2007.

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes and Allinder, Yes. **The motion carried 5 - 0 meeting adjourned.**

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.
Submitted by,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2007

Melissa Hyde, Chair