

**CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – August 6, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

Melissa Hyde Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 6:01 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jane Allinder
Mark DiGiando
Melissa Hyde
Ken Shepherd
Matt Winger

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shepherd made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from June 5, 2014; seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes, Shepherd, yes, and Allinder, abstain. **Motion carried 5-0.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Old Business – Chapter 914

HEARING OF VISITORS

Visitors in Attendance

Paul and Teri Campbell, 227 Stonegate Circle, Gahanna OH

Vincent Tremante, 151 Clark St., Gahanna OH

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident– street tree exception request

Euton shared a letter received from residence Paul and Teri Campbell; 227 Stonegate Circle, lot 8, Gahanna OH. The Campbell's are requesting an exception to the current criteria for their street tree. They are in the final states of building their home. The street tree was planted by the developer in 2006 prior to the current street tree guidelines.

Winger made a **MOTION** to recommend the Street Tree Exception Request; seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes, Shepherd, yes, Allinder, yes. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Tree Maintenance Request

Resident Vinnie Tremante is requesting the Board consider starting a permitting process for maintenance activities on large trees that are in the right-of-way. Recently one of his neighbors hired a company to do tree work, there were several OSHA safety violations, there was only one worker and he was working from a bucket truck and was just dropping limbs everywhere

including the sidewalk and street. The police said couldn't do anything about it; there is nothing they can enforce.

Tremante stated that if you have a bucket truck in the street or right-of-way there should be some kind of requirement for a work zone. Tremante is requesting a permit that would require certain minimum safety standards.

Euton stated that this might be in line with certifying contractors who do work in the city. Maybe tree contractors need added to the licensing process to work in the city. Also, maybe Chapter 913 can have information added with the requirements for tree contractors. However not sure who will be able to enforce. Euton will look into the request.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter 914

Euton distributed copies of Chapter 914. The changes that this board recommended have been added along with staff changes and the City Attorney has reviewed and added his changes. Chapter 914 is ready to be recommended to Council once this board gives its recommendation.

The Board wants additional time to review the document. The Board will discuss at the September board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Nothing at this time

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

Nothing at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by,

Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2014

Melissa Hyde, Chair