

CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD
MINUTES – January 16, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Jane Allinder, Vice Chair called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 6:17 p.m. in the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jane Allinder
Mark DiGiando
Teresa Woolley
Joseph Keehner

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 November 7, 2007 meeting as written; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Woolley, Yes, Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 4 - 0 and was approved.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Collins requested America In Bloom presentation be added to New business

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to approve the November 7, 2007 agenda; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

VISITORS:

Allinder welcomed students from OSU, City and Regional Planning class; Linden, Zachary and Changmen.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Landscape Plan

Collins explained the Ordinance 154.03 requires the Landscape Board to approve annually the Comprehensive Landscape Plan. Collins would like the Board to review the plan and provide any recommendations to the Parks office by January 23, 2008. The Plan will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

2008 Landscape Awards

Collins explained that in 2007 the Board discussed creating Landscape Awards that would recognize residents and businesses for their efforts in City beautification. There are communities that recognize both residential do it yourself, and residential hired landscaping. It was discussed presenting the awards at the annual Parks & Recreation Service to the Community awards night.

Collins stated the Parks & Recreation Board designed the criteria and the categories for the Service to the Community awards. They get the word out about the awards and request nominations. Once the nominations are received they chose the award recipients and present the awards at the Service to the Community event. Collins would like to see the Landscape Board create the same type of awards for Landscaping and beautification.

After some discussion DiGiando and Keehner will work on creating a draft award proposal for the Board to review. A draft will be brought to the board at a later date.

America In Bloom

Collins stated that Councilman McAllister attended National League of Cities Conference and attended a presentation about the America In Bloom concept and wanted to share it with the Landscape Board. Collins stated McAllister likes the concept of the program, but does not want it to become a large budget item.

Collins suggested a Board member contact the organization or go on their web site and do some research on the program. The department is neutral on the concept.

Woolley asked whose budget the public landscaping money and the baskets comes from. Collins stated that the Parks Department has some money in its budget for public landscaping. Euton stated Olde Gahanna Community Partners donate money toward the memorial baskets. Woolley asked who is responsible to plant all the planters along the street. Euton stated the responsibility of the Parks Department to plant and maintain the trees and planters.

After much discussion the Board decided to include on the February 2008 Landscape Board agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

None

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Keehner, Yes and Allinder, Yes. **The motion carried 4 - 0 meeting adjourned.**

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2008

Jane Allinder, Vice Chair