

CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD
MINUTES – September 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Melissa Hyde, Chair called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 6:03 p.m. in the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mark DiGiando
Melissa Hyde
Teresa Woolley
Joseph Keehner

Absent: Jane Allinder

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DiGiando made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2008 meeting; seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 4 - 0.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

09' Activities

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 Landscape Awards follow-up

The Board discussed the overall process of the Landscape Awards and will review the application, nominating process and awards. There was discussion adding categories pertaining to the cost of landscaping. The Board would like a budget specifically for the awards and process.

The Board will like to be pro-active in getting the word out about the Awards. Possible using the City signs in the spring and advertising more, sending flyers through the schools, send e-mail blast. Euton suggested possible putting the information in the Winter Gateway instead of in the spring edition and distributing the information at Chief Murphy's Home Owners Association meeting. The Board would like to discuss further at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

09'Landscape activities

Tree Grant Program

The Board discussed the Street Tree program, they would like to review and re-institute the program.

Arbor Day

The Board discussed Arbor Day for 2009; the board will discuss further at the January or February meeting.

Budget

The Board discussed the minor capital budget and no funds to re-institute the Street Tree program. The Board would like to fund plantings at Creekside and our parks and begin public beautification initiatives.

DiGiando stated that the when one of the cell towers were installed; the payment of \$10,000 was to go to the Landscape Board for tree plantings, etc. In order to qualify for Tree City USA the city needs to plant trees. The money for trees previously came out of the Landscape Board Budget. The Board would like a budget in order to fund some of the mentioned items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

None

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Keehner. Motion carried unanimously.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2008

Melissa Hyde, Chair