

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
LANDSCAPE BOARD  
MINUTES – October 6, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Hyde, Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| <b><u>Present:</u></b> | Jane Allinder<br>Mark DiGiando<br>Melissa Hyde<br>Frank O'Hare<br>Ken Shepherd |
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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 minutes from the September 1, 2010 meeting; seconded by O'Hare. **On roll call vote:** O'Hare, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Shepherd, Yes, Allinder, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Academy Ridge Trees**

Patricia Walden 980 Ridge Crest Drive Gahanna Ohio 43230 and Dr. David Itkoff 983 Ridge Crest Drive Gahanna Ohio from the Academy Ridge Community Association, presented a proposed street tree plan for Academy Ridge where many of the trees are affected by Fire blight and the Emerald Ash Borer. The Association has worked with the Alan Little, Parks Superintendent and the Rob Wendling, City Forester on a recommendation of tree types allowing for different varieties of trees per street in order to avoid the same situation at another time.

The Association has allocated \$10,000 in 2010 to encourage homeowners to put up \$100 and the association will pay the remaining balance to replace a dead tree.

The Association is request the Landscape Board to approve the proposed plan which includes allowing for flexibility on different varieties of trees on each street. The Association will work with the city Arborist on the exact tree placement.

Euton commended the Association for taking the initiative to come to a resolution for the tree issues. Euton shared that Little and Wendling expressed concern with the use of the Prairie Fire Crabapple, due to the mess the fruit makes; they recommending the Amur Cork Tree; otherwise the plan is acceptable.

O'Hare made a **MOTION** to approve the Academy Ridge HOA street tree replacement plan dated September 2010 with the recommendation from staff; seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** Shepherd, Yes, Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, O'Hare, Yes, and Hyde, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Harrison Pond Tree Replacement**

Euton shared a letter from the Harrison Pond Homeowners Association requesting approval to plant Amur Maple trees as a replacement for any ash tree needing replaced due to disease or other destruction. Recommendation from staff is the community needs to choose a variety of different trees to replace the dead trees.

The board would like to see an updated street tree plan from Harrison Pond Homeowners Association

Allinder made a **MOTION** to approve the Harrison Pond Homeowners Association recommendation to plant the Amur Maple tree as a replacement for the Ash trees that need replaced at this time; the Association needs to bring an updated street tree plan in order to replace any additional trees; seconded by O'Hare. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, Yes, O'Hare, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Shepherd, Yes, and Allinder, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

None

**POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

Euton shared that he met with the zoning director regarding the Foxwood Subdivision trees. The code enforcement officer will contact the developer regarding a new street tree plan for the subdivision.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Allinder made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by O'Hare. Motion carried unanimously.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

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Melissa Hyde, Chair