

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
LANDSCAPE BOARD  
MINUTES – March 2, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Hyde, Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:08 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Jane Allinder  
Mark DiGiando  
Melissa Hyde  
Ken Shepherd

**Absent:** Frank O'Hare

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 February 2, 2011 meeting; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Shepherd, Yes, Allinder, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Nothing at this time

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 913**

Euton stated that the Board requested information in Ordinance 913; sections 913.10 (g) and 913.10 (e)(5).

Section 913.10 (g) – AEP was contacted regarding their recommendation for planting trees under power lines.

AEP suggests inspecting the planting area and then selecting low-growing trees or shrubs that will not touch overhead power lines. When planting near a transformer, maintain a distance of 10' from any side with an opening and 3' from other sides.

Section 913.10

(e), 5 – it was suggested changing the tree genus and species from one to two or three species per lineal feet. The Board would like to know what other communities do in regards to tree planting standards.

City Arborist Rob Wendling contacted our neighboring cities and received the following responses: two said that their city ordinance calls for the same tree on a given street, all said they are trying to diversify the street trees. Several have taken the approach that they will allow

different trees of the same shape, texture, and size. A couple of cities allow three different trees on a street as long as they are similar.

The Board discussed the following changes:

Section 913.10

(e)(5) ~~The trees should be of one and the same genus and species, planted continuously down each street. Trees on abutting streets shall be of different genus and species.~~ **THE TREES SHOULD BE OF THE SAME SHAPE TEXTURE AND SIZE; UP TO THREE DIFFERENT SPECIES PLANTED CONTINUOUSLY ON ANY GIVEN STREET.**

**ADD**

**(e)(8) THE STREET TREE LANDSCAPE PLAN SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY TREES ON THE INJURIOUS PLANTS LIST (913.04)**

Section 913.04

(a)(3) "Injurious plants" means the following list of trees that are prone to disease, seek water (trouble for water and sewer lines), and soft wood trees, **AND PRONE TO PEST** and need room for roots to grow and a curb lawn does not provide enough room. Some of the trees have thorns and some won't tolerate snow, salt and sand that could affect it during the winter:

Section 913.10

(i) Species not Permitted to be Planted on Public Property or Utility or Drainage Easements within the City. The Landscape Commission **BOARD** has determined that poplar, and willow, **SILVER MAPLE, AND COTTONWOOD** trees shall not be planted ~~within the City~~ **IN THE STREET TREE LAWN.** The City Landscape Commission **BOARD** must approve, prior to planting, all species of trees to be planted in the street tree lawn. (Refer to Definitions, Section 913.04, for other "injurious plants".)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

Nothing at this time

**POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

Nothing at this time

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Shepherd made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Allinder. Motion carried unanimously. The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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Melissa Hyde, Chair