

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
LANDSCAPE BOARD  
MINUTES – January 5, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Hyde, Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 6:10 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 Tony Collins, Director and Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Shepherd made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2010 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**

Ordinance 913

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Foxwood Street Tree update**

Euton explained that the City Zoning Administrator sent a letter to Homewood Corporation regarding the street tree plan for the development not being fully implemented. As of this date there has not been a response to the letter.

**Ordinance 913**

Collins has been reviewing Ordinance 913 and all the versions of changes and comments previously submitted by staff and the Landscape Board. Collins stated that when the review process first began the key factors discussed were public vs. private, tree protection, development and re-development, sustainability, implementation and enforcement, obligation vs. right to review plans and the street tree responsibility, revising the invasive and the permitted tree list.

Collins stated that after reviewing the current ordinance Euton suggested that the original language be put back into Ordinance 913 regarding where the sub-divider or developer of property shall pay a fee for the planting of street trees. This fee shall be placed in a Street Tree

Fund and shall be used for the sole purpose of street tree planting and maintenance within the City. The City will hire a landscaper to install the street trees. The price per linear foot needs to be calculated. The implementation of collecting the fees must be a priority in order to fulfill the street tree plan.

Collins would like the Board to take a look at the current 913 and come back with comments. Also, the removal and replanting of street trees has become an issue and needs addressed in the revisions. The decision needs to be made as to who will be responsible for enforcing the street tree plan and collecting the money.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

Nothing at this time

**POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

Nothing at this time

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Allinder made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Hyde. Motion carried unanimously.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

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

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Melissa Hyde, Chair