

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
LANDSCAPE BOARD  
MINUTES – September 7, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Hyde, Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:02 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Jane Allinder  
Mark DiGiando - late  
Melissa Hyde  
Frank O'Hare  
Ken Shepherd

In attendance from the City Administration was Tony Collins, Director Department of Parks & Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

O'Hare made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2011 meeting; seconded by Shepherd. **On roll call vote:** Allinder, Yes, O'Hare, Yes, Hyde, Yes, and Shepherd, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Nothing at this time

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Paula and Susan Rutherford – Crossing Creek Civic Association  
Tom Torr – Crossing Creek Civic Association

Mr. Torr explained that the Crossing Creek has 122 homes in the community. The development was created in 1989, and the Jade Glen Maple trees were installed as street trees. The street trees have not done well. The majority of the trees are stunted. Each home has two street trees, out of the 244 trees 58 or more of those trees have been removed. A larger number are stunted, half dead or dead. The majority of them have split trunks. The Association is trying to find a way and means for the residents not using Association funds to replace the trees. They have spoken to the City Forester regarding the type of trees that can be planted.

Mrs. Rutherford is working with the Civic Associations street tree program and is requesting suggestions from the Landscape Board on the variety or species of trees that the residents can plant.

Shepherd suggested going with a variety of species and not just one species of trees. Collins stated that the Landscape Board just changed city code to reflect the planting two or three species of trees on a street. The code identifies the installation of street trees during development; there is currently no code requirements that addresses the replacement of the street tree once it is removed. The Association will need to meet with the City Forester in order

to identify the types of street trees best suited for the neighborhood. Collins will follow up with Rob Wendling for a recommendation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fall Update**

**Ash Borer**

Collins explained that there is updated information on the City website regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. The City Forester went out and evaluated 1660 Ash street trees. The trees were scored with a one for most hazardous, will be removed, two monitoring, three healthy. Most likely all trees identified as a one and two will be removed. The rating system is based upon if the tree is infested and that if 50% of the tree is dead it cannot come back. If we remove a one on a property and there is a tree identified as a two it will also be removed. All the affected properties will receive a letter. On October 3 tree removal will begin, followed with stump removal. On September 20 a new GIS map layer will be on the City web site identifying all Ash street trees and will identify the rating of the tree and action to be taken.

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**OSU/ODOT Tree Study**

Collins provided information regarding the study to the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

Nothing at this time

**POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

O'Hare made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Shepherd. Motion carried unanimously. The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

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

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Melissa Hyde, Chair