

**Findlay Shade Tree Commission**  
Minutes of September 11, 2006

Meeting convened at 7:02PM in the Municipal Building Cafeteria by President Jim Barnhill. Those in attendance were: Jim Barnhill, Linda Casey, Mike Eier, Diane Hudok, Rick Kidwell, (Matt Stoffel representing Street Dept.), and Cathy Smith.

Minutes for the meeting of August 6, 2006 were approved.

Reports

**Street Dept.** – Matt Stoffel reporting for Jim Rhodes.

Crews are grinding stumps and pruning as time allows. Jim Barnhill reported that he had observed a city tree removal crew working in his neighborhood and they did an excellent and thorough job.

**Engineering Dept.** – Cathy Smith reported for Glenn Springer.

Blanchard Avenue emergency sewer repair resulted in damage to several trees.

**City Council** – Mike Eier

No current update on the tree ordinance enforcement issue. The current change in the Service Director may further delay the process. The Shade Tree Commission will continue to monitor the process.

**City Forester** – Cathy Smith

Website had 1397 hits in August. Higher count than any other department except for the courts.

North Branch Nursery did not have record of the contract for the 2008 Adopt-A-Tree species. Cathy has made certain that the contract and order have been processed.

Old Business

The survival rate for the 2006 Adopt-A-Tree Program was calculated based on the summer inspection results. The rate appears to be at 90%. However, that may be adjusted following the October meeting site inspections.

New Business

A tentative species list for the 2009 Adopt-A-Tree Program was developed. This may be modified based on the availability of species.

Small trees; Winterking Hawthorn, Paperbark Maple, Serviceberry sp.

Medium trees; River Birch, Bigtooth Maple, American Hophornbeam

Large Trees; Lacebark Elm, English Oak, Turkish Filbert

**Next meeting will be October 2, 2006. Meet at the Municipal Bldg at 6:00PM. The group will then travel to several locations to review tree survival and planting issues.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell  
Secretary