

FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION
February, 2007 Meeting Minutes

In attendance were: Mike Eier, Linda Casey, Mike Sobczyk, Matt Stoffel, Cathy Smith, Jim Barnhill and Ed Crawford.

Street Department: Matt Stoffel reported that the department is working the bugs out of the tub grinder and that tree removal had been slow due to extreme weather conditions. Some help had been provided to Cathy Smith for small pruning jobs.

Engineering Department: Glenn Springer was absent but sent his report. As part of the flood mitigation project, trees will be removed from the banks of the Blanchard River beginning at the Liberty St. dam and continuing to Broad Ave. Trees will be removed from the water to within 25 feet of the banks. Glenn also offered to produce flyers for the Adopt-a-Tree program.

City Council: Mike Eier had nothing to report.

City Forester: Cathy Smith reported that the website hits had dropped considerably, probably due to weather. She also advised that she and Engineering are taking down trees, many of which are decayed. She advised that Tim Brugeman is applying for an ODOT grant to plant trees and ornamental grasses at SR 224/I-75 and SR12/I-75. He will need assistance with planting in the Fall.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

1. A search is underway for a commissioner to replace Bruce Patterson who resigned. Mayor Iriti is interested in finding a college student for the position. Other nominees were suggested by the Commission.

2. The 2007 Adopt-a-Tree program was discussed. Decisions agreed upon were:
a. Jim will contact the Findlay Courier for help with promoting the program.

b. Distribution will be held only on Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 am to noon, at 350 High St. Entrance/exits will be modified and the Engineering Department will develop signs for that purpose.

c. After discussion, it was agreed not to provide stakes for trees. Cathy will handle staking of any trees requiring it. Cathy agreed to develop an information sheet explaining proper planting/staking.

d. Information packets will be compiled at the next meeting and distributed to each applicant at the time of site inspection.

3. Commissioners were invited to attend an "Urban Wood Utilization Workshop" Feb. 28 in Sandusky. All commissioners declined to attend.

Next meeting: March 5, 2007, at 7:00 pm at the City Building.

