

## **Findlay Shade Tree Commission**

### Minutes of September 8, 2008

Meeting convened at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room by Chair Mike Jurkiewicz. Those in attendance were: Linda Casey, Ed Crawford, Bruce Hardy, Mike Jurkiewicz, Rick Kidwell, Bill Malloy, Deb Seng, Cathy Smith, Mark Steward, and Matt Stoffel.

Minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2008 were approved.

#### Reports

##### **Street Dept.** – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported that minimal tree removal work had been completed by city crews and the contractor.

##### **Engineering Dept.** – Mark Steward

Mark stated that there were no related projects at this time.

##### **City Council** – Deb Seng

Deb reported that council is ready to review the EAB Management Plan.

##### **Service Director** – Bruce Hardy

The letter, with respect to the Austree plantings along East Sandusky Street, has been distributed to property owners (13). An informational meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Blanchard Valley School cafeteria.

##### **City Forester** – Cathy Smith

Cathy reported that she did a radio spot for the Fall Adopt-A-Tree program last week. Brochures and website have been updated with the fall program info. The trees are to be delivered on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cube.

Contractor spraying for bagworms has reported that he also has a compound available for EAB control. Cathy will refer him to citizens that request information about EAB control options. The contractor sprayed limited areas for bagworms (Riverside and Emory Adams).

Cathy shared information about a meeting to be held at Bluffton University on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting topics include gypsy moth, EAB, species selection, etc.

#### Old Business

The information packets for the Adopt-A-Tree program will be prepared at the next meeting. Updated information will be available to include in the packets. Cathy will deliver the display to the library. The article for the newspaper was reviewed. It is ready for submission with the corrections.

The final version of the EAB Management Plan was reviewed and approved. Commission members Casey and Jurkiewicz are on record as opposed to the “reactive” nature of the plan.

#### New Business

Cathy reviewed the proposed species list for the 2011 Adopt-a-Tree program. It was approved as submitted.

A “violation” notice will be drafted to notify property owners of violations to the tree planting ordinance.

Next Meeting – October 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell  
Secretary