

Findlay Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of November 3, 2008

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

Minutes for the meeting of October 6, 2008 were approved.

Reports

Street Dept. – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported tree removals, in various rights-of-way, and ash tree removals in Firestone Park had been completed by city crews. They were able to salvage some good timber from the ash trees.

Engineering Dept. – Mark Steward

Mark stated that topo work has started for the project in the Woodworth/Sycamore Drive area.

City Council – Deb Seng

Deb reported that there were no concerns from council.

Service Director – Bruce Hardy

One property owner expressed concern with respect to the Austree plantings along East Sandusky Street. Letter explaining the final action to be taken will be drafted and sent to all property owners.

City property auction will not be held. The timber from the ash trees in Firestone Park will not be sold as a result.

City Forester – Cathy Smith

Cathy introduced Timothy Rethorn and his mother. She cited his work (40 hours) completing the tree inventories at Firestone Park and Riverside Park. He coordinated the work of 20 volunteers assisting in the planting of 27 trees at Firestone Park. A resolution will be prepared and presented at the November 18th City Council meeting.

Six trees were replaced at the Gateway planting

Cathy shared information with respect to a Tree Commission Academy and the Tree City awards program to be held in Ada on April 15, 2009.

Old Business

Brooks Bosse recognized Bill Malloy for going above and beyond for the Adopt-A-Tree program. Bill delivered trees and assisted the property owner with the planting.

No update on any emerald ash borer infestations.

New Business

Discussion was held with respect to allowing property owners to adopt additional trees above the limitation of 4. Consensus was that it should be permitted, but only in subsequent Adopt-A-Tree programs.

Recommendation to cancel the December 2008 and January 2009 meetings was approved.

Next Meeting – February 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell
Secretary