

Findlay Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of February 2, 2009

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, and Matt Stoffel.

Minutes for the meeting of November 3, 2008 were approved.

Reports

Street Dept. – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported that weather conditions had restricted tree work. Some tree removals, including a few ash, were completed. Crews have been trimming in some areas to alleviate obstructions for street equipment. River birch and elms did not fare well during recent storms.

Engineering Dept. – No Report

City Council – Deb Seng

Deb reported that Cathy Smith was released as per the city ordinance that addresses reductions in force(RIF). Since the City Forester was a part-time position it was included in the RIF process. Additional discussion with respect to the budget situation was held, including the status of the Adopt-A-Tree contracts. Bruce Hardy will contact North Branch Nursery to review the contract status.

Service Director – Bruce Hardy

The financial issues continue for the city. January revenue collections overall were down again.

The Austree plantings along East Sandusky Street were removed. The stumps will be ground at a later date.

Old Business

Review of the 2009 Adopt-A-Tree species list was reviewed. North Branch had reported that some of the selections might need to be filled with #25 containers. Or there were some other options to complete the order. It was determined that no #25 containers should be accepted. Bruce will contact North Branch about this and the contract status.

New Business

Discussion was held with respect to the 2009 Adopt-A-Tree program. The timeline was discussed with the tentative dates of; March 2 Shade Tree Commission meeting, March 18 applications available at library, Mayor's office and on-line, April 1 application deadline, April 6 Shade Tree Commission meeting – application distribution, April 7-18 site inspections, April 18 applications returned to Chairman Jurkiewicz, April 25 distribution.

Next Meeting – March 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell
Secretary