

## **Findlay Shade Tree Commission**

### Minutes of October 5, 2009

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room by acting Chair Ed Crawford. Those in attendance were: Brooks Bosse, Ed Crawford, Bruce Hardy, Rick Kidwell, Bill Malloy, Deb Seng, and Matt Stoffel. Guests included John Selick and Dennis Hellman, from the Lakeview HOA.

Minutes for the August 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

#### Reports

##### **Street Dept.** – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported that tree and stump removals are continuing as time allows.

There will be no fall leaf pick-up. Residents will be encouraged to drop off leaves at the street department. Loose leaves or bio-degradable bags of leaves will be accepted. Hours are 7am-3:15pm on Fridays and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8am – 12pm.

The city will be selling firewood in cord and half-cord quantities, for \$150 and \$75 respectively. Composted soil is also available at the old waste treatment location at \$25/cubic yard.

Tree lawn planting projects at the University of Findlay tennis courts and at Pheasant Run subdivision have been developed with input from the Street Dept.

Matt has been working on the Tree City USA report.

North Branch Nursery has indicated that 33 trees for the 2010 Adopt-A-Tree program have been paid. They have released the city from the other contract obligations. Future Adopt-A-Tree programs would involve ordering “stock on hand”.

##### **Engineering Dept.** – No Report

##### **City Council** – Deb Seng

Deb reported that council will vote to place the income tax increase on the November ballot. Proposed is a quarter percent increase.

Service groups are planning to assist with leaf pick-up.

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

Bruce presented the Tree City USA 27 year award materials. Included were the 27<sup>th</sup> year decals, a flag and some other items.

The 2010 budget contains no funds for the Adopt-A-Tree program.

Extended discussion about the city budget crisis was held.

#### Old Business

A replacement for Linda Casey will need to be presented to the mayor. The terms of appointment for other members need to be reviewed. Bruce will get the list.

Summer Site Evaluations – it was reported that Mike Jurkiewicz was running behind on doing the inspections. Members were asked to check on the locations they had inspected in the spring and report back at our next meeting.

#### New Business

Service groups are scheduled to pick-up leaves on “Make A Difference Day” on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held with respect to the contingency plans for “violations” for raking leaves into the street, etc.

The election for Shade Tree Commission officers for the 2009-2010 year was conducted. The results were as follows;

Chair - Brooks Bosse

Vice-Chair - Bill Malloy

Secretary - Rick Kidwell

Additional discussion was held with respect to the Lakeview HOA concerns with having to replace all the diseased Ash trees in there sub-division. They are still in a fact-finding mode, but hope to be able to make some plans in the near future. They may continue to seek input from the Shade Tree Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting – November 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell,  
Secretary