

## **Findlay Shade Tree Commission**

Minutes of November 9, 2009

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room by Chairman, Brooks Bosse. Those in attendance were: Brooks Bosse, Ed Crawford, Bruce Hardy, Mike Jurkiewicz, Bill Malloy and Mark Seward. Guests included Dennis Hellmann, from the Lakeview HOA.

Minutes for the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

### Reports:

#### **Street Dept.** – Matt Stoffel

Matt was not in attendance. Therefore, Bruce Hardy presented matt's written report.

The City continues the fall leaf drop off at its Cory and High Street sites. The process and extra open hours seems to working well. Hours are extended through December 12, 2009.

Currently the City has two city employees trained and certified under ARTC level for Power Lines.

The paperwork has been completed and complied for the Tree City USA Award Program and will be submitted.

#### **Engineering Dept.** – Mark Seward

Mark reported that the Melrose and Lincoln Street projects are roughly two weeks behind in schedule of completion. Both of these projects are also slated for tree plantings this fall.

#### **City Council** – No Report.

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

Bruce reported that all three City tax issues passed. City revenue is still behind. Also there are no funds for the STC in the 2010 Budget. However there are enough funds to pay for a small number of Adopt-A-Trees (33).

### Old Business:

1.) Currently the STC has a vacant position on the board i.e. Linda Casey's which expires December 2009. It was the unanimous opinion by this committee to recommend Deb Seng to fill this four year position on the STC. If Deb agrees with the committee's recommendation, the mayor will officially appoint her to the Shade Tree Commission, January 1, 2010.

2.) Fall Leaf Removal – As reported the City held a volunteer pick-up for leaves earlier in October. There will be another effort November 14, 2009. It was noted that there are some spots along City Streets that the homeowner is ignoring the law and sweeping their leaves into the street. The STC agreed to have Bruce Hardy work with the Courier and get another article that clarifies the City's position of no leaf removal and that fines could be issued to those homeowners that fail to comply.

New Business:

1.) Number of Monthly Meetings - It was decided that there would be no December 2009 or January 2010 meetings. Our next STC meetings will be February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Both meeting starts times will be changed to begin at 5pm.

2.) Urban Foresters Letter - the STC had received a letter from Stephanie Miller, ODNR's Division of Forestry, detailing her disgust in how the city trees were trimmed at the Arts Park along Sandusky Street. The City was unaware of this since City employees did no trimming. It was noted that a volunteer had trimmed the trees. Therefore, after much discussion, the committee asked that Mike Jurkiewicz, check out the trim job and offer a recommendation to remedy the situation i.e. replace the trees with two of the 2010 Adopt-A-Trees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting - February 1, 2010 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Crawford,  
Acting Secretary