

Findlay Shade Tree Commission
Minutes of February 1, 2010

Meeting convened at 5:00PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room by Chair Brooks Bosse. Those in attendance were: Brooks Bosse, Bruce Hardy, Mike Jurkiewicz, Rick Kidwell, Bill Malloy, Deb Seng, and Matt Stoffel.

Minutes for the meeting of November 9, 2009 were approved.

Deb Seng was welcomed as a new Shade Tree Commission member.

Reports

Street Dept. – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported tree removals, including a few ash, were completed. He predicts that a significant number of ash trees will need to be removed beginning in the spring. Mulch and firewood sales continue but have slowed.

Asplundh Tree Service is working on the AEP right-of-way clearance. There have been numerous citizen complaints about the work. They have been given the go ahead to remove any ash trees they encounter on public lands.

The 2009 Tree City USA report was completed. The ceremony will be held in Ottawa in the spring.

Matt has worked with various groups (homeowners, Pheasant Run HOA and the University of Findlay) on planting projects. He would like to have a standard list of recommended trees, three of each category (small, medium, large), that he could use when working with this type of project.

Engineering Dept. – No Report

City Council – Deb Seng

Service Director – Bruce Hardy

The financial issues continue for the city. Most recent revenue collections overall were up slightly.

The City Council representative will be Bob Nichols.

Old Business

Mike Jurkiewicz had checked the trees at the Arts Park. They had been improperly pruned but not as bad as had been reported. Stephanie Miller will do some corrective pruning in the spring.

New Business

Discussion was held with respect to the 2010 Adopt-A-Tree program. The timeline was discussed with the tentative dates of; March 1 Shade Tree Commission meeting, April 2 application deadline, April 5 Shade Tree Commission meeting – application distribution, April 6-14 site inspections, April 15 applications returned to Chairman Bosse. April 17th distribution.

Next Meeting – March 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell
Secretary