

Findlay Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of March 1, 2010

Meeting convened at 5:00PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room by Chair Brooks Bosse. Those in attendance were: Brooks Bosse, Ed Crawford(late), Bruce Hardy, Mike Jurkiewicz, Rick Kidwell, Bill Malloy, Bob Nichols, Deb Seng, Mark Steward, and Matt Stoffel.

Jackie Berger was introduced as a guest.

Minutes for the meeting of February 1, 2010 were approved.

Reports

Street Dept. – Matt Stoffel

Matt reported that snow removal had delayed any additional tree removals.

North Branch Nursery has the 33 Adopt-A-Tree specimens on hand. Delivery will be April 14th, prior to the distribution, at The Cube. Matt suggested Washington Intermediate School be considered for the Arbor Day planting.

Matt shared information about a seminar in Bowling Green. He also reviewed information about an article in *The Courier* with respect to the emerald ash borer management plan (related to the grant opportunity).

Tree City USA ceremony will be held in Ottawa on April 21st. RSVP by April 9th.

Matt stated that the webpage has been updated. The 2010 Adopt-A-Tree varieties are listed with links to a description.

Engineering Dept. – Mark Steward

Mark reported that 30 trees had been planted along Lincoln Street as part of the construction project.

Melrose Ave. has had several trees removed as part of that construction project and the Crystal Avenue project will be starting, again with tree removals slated.

City Council – Bob Nichols

No issues to be shared at this time.

Service Director – Bruce Hardy

The financial issues continue for the city. Most recent revenue collections overall were up slightly. There is no line item in the new budget for trees (Adopt-A-Tree).

Bruce indicated that the city is investigating the possibility of The Community Foundation coordinating donations to the city, such as the earlier proposal for the Memorial Tree project.

Old Business

Discussion was held with respect to the 2010 Adopt-A-Tree program. The timeline was discussed with the tentative dates of; April 2 application deadline, April 2 applications picked-up, April 6-14 site inspections (STC members), April 17th distribution.

New Business

Arbor Day – April 30th. Details for planting/ ceremony to be addressed at the April 12th Shade Tree Commission meeting.

Next Meeting – April 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kidwell
Secretary