

City of Gahanna Meeting Minutes Landscape Board

200 South Hamilton Road Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Jane Allinder, Chair Kevin Dengel, Vice Chair Mark DiGiando, Secretary Chris Schuett Matt Winger

Nichole Butler, Clerk

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 6:00 PM Committee Room

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dengel Called the May 21, 2025 Meeting of the Landscape board to order at 6:02 PM. The agenda was published on May 16, 2025.

B. ROLL CALL

Staff in Attendance: Stephania Ferrell, Director; Julie Predieri, Forestry Supervisor; Nichole Butler, Clerk

Present 3 - Kevin Dengel , Chris Schuett, and Matt Winger

Absent 2 - Jane Allinder, and Mark DiGiando

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Schuett, seconded by Winger to approve the Minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting. The motion carried the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Dengel, Schuett and Winger

Absent: 2 - Allinder and DiGiando

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D. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- E. HEARING OF VISITORS
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- G. NEW BUSINESS

DP-25 1 Street Tree Plan Gahanna Logistics Center

Predieri stated that there is a new development on Tech Center Drive. Predieri stated that the property is next to Burns and Scalo and are proposing a nearly identical plan. Predieri stated that they are proposing 11 Autumn Gold Ginko street trees, and they are proposed to go behind the sidewalk. Predieri noted that the Autumn Gold Ginko is on the approved street tree list and is part of the large tree category. Dengel stated he would like to make sure they add the maximum number of trees allowable per code.

Dp 25-1 Gahanna Logistics Center

MOTION by Winger, seconded by Schuett, to make a recommendation to the City Engineer to approve the Gahanna Logistics Center Application DP 25-1 Street Tree Plan, on the condition of using the maximum number of trees allowable per city code, while meeting all distance requirements.

Yes: 3 - Dengel, Schuett and Winger

Absent: 2 - Allinder and DiGiando

Changes to Recommended Street Tree List

Predieri sated the department just finished the third round of street tree planting and had difficulty in ordering the quantity and species they were looking to order. Predieri stated that due to this difficulty in ordering several of the medium trees were planted, including the columnar trees. Predieri noted that the mixing of the columnar shape with the traditional tree shape caused some public feedback regarding the mixture of the trees. Predieri recommended that the columnar trees be moved to the special use tree list so that when columnar neighborhoods are planted, the look can be kept consistent. Predieri stated there will be opportunities for use and diversity by placing different species of columnar trees together.

Redline Street Tree list

A motion was made by Schuett seconded by Dengel to approve the changes to the recommended street tree list. The motion carried the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Dengel, Schuett and Winger

Absent: 2 - Allinder and DiGiando

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

I. POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT

Dengel stated that some of the street trees near High Point Elementary were not looking healthy. Predieri stated that the department was aware and that they are looking to replace them this fall.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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