

**CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – November 4, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

Jane Allinder, Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

<u>Present:</u>	Jane Allinder Mark DiGiando Melissa Hyde Matt Winger
<u>Absent:</u>	Ken Shepherd

In attendance from the City Administration was Mike Musser, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation, and Patrick Monaghan, Recreation Supervisor at The Center, Department of Parks & Recreation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hyde made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from August 5, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes, and Allinder, abstained – not present on August 5, 2015. **Motion carried 3-1-0.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Musser stated that he had an addition to the Hearing of Visitors section, and explained that the word “damage” should be removed from “210 Stonegate Circle street tree damage” under New Business.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Musser introduced Patrick Monaghan, who was present from the Department of Parks & Recreation. Monaghan joined the Department in April as a Recreation Supervisor and took over many of Danise Hall’s duties at The Center. The Department wishes to make The Center more intergenerational in order to attract active adults in addition to the seniors, and Monaghan has been a part of that effort.

OLD BUSINESS

Landscape Trust Fund

Musser explained that due to the realignment of Big Walnut Trail – Section 5, there is a need to hire a landscape architect to aid with tree planting. With just under \$8,000 in the Landscape Trust Fund, which was set up for the Landscape Board to be in charge of, Musser sought approval to use \$7,000 to purchase new trees and develop a plan for the tree planting. With many members of the public upset about the fence, there is a need for additional trees to hide the fence. Musser stated that he would also asking Council for the funds from payments for trees damaged in car accidents. These funds currently exist in the general fund, and therefore would have to be approved by Council.

Musser explained that the Landscape Trust Fund is made up of donations from over the years, and that is meant to be used for the planting of trees. DiGiando made a **MOTION** to release up to \$7,000 for Big Walnut Trail tree replacement, seconded by Winger. **On roll call vote:** Allinder, yes, DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Musser concluded by explaining that Section 5 of Big Walnut Trail was already being heavily used, despite barricades and “No Trespassing” signs. The fence was expected to go in the following week.

NEW BUSINESS

210 Stonegate Circle Street Tree

Musser stated that Daniel Street, a resident at 210 Stonegate Circle, has a street tree that is too close to the driveway, and therefore is not up to code. Mr. Street was denied his final occupancy permit, and is seeking a waiver from the Department of Parks & Recreation so that he can obtain said permit. The waiver would specify that if problems should arise with the tree (such as a root coming up through the driveway), the City would not be responsible for any repairs. Musser explained that in the past (for a similar issue with 227 Stonegate Circle), a letter was sent to the homeowners with the waiver and specifications.

DiGiando made a **MOTION** to grant a waiver with appropriate letter releasing the City from liability, seconded by Hyde. **On roll call vote:** Allinder, yes, Digiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Nothing at this time

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

Nothing at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Submitted by, Mikala Back, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2016

Chair