

MINUTES OF CITY OF GRIFFIN TREE BOARD
WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2006
8:30 A.M.
Planning and Zoning Conference Room
231 E Solomon St. Griffin, GA

Those present were Tree Board Chairman & Public Works and Utilities Director Brant Keller, Secretary & Stormwater Deputy Director Milton McCarthney, Members: Retiring Mainstreet Director Carolyn Byrd, Mainstreet Director Susan Cropsey, Citizen at Large Wade Hutcheson, Electric Assistant Director Tom Ridgway, Environmental Technician Kreg Jenkins, Georgia Forestry Community Forester Berle Budd, and City Commissioner Doug Hollberg. Those absent were Development Services Director Frederick Gardener, Plant the Future representative Jerry Walker. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keller.

Old Business:

1. Following brief discussion, motion for approval of the Minutes of the Jan 11 meeting were made and approved with the addition of City Manager Kenny Smith as attending.
2. Keller restated the City Commissioners intention to vote on dissolution of the current tree board during their April 11th meeting. Hollberg continued that appointments to the board should be made by April 28th; by March 3rd the new tree board should convene, and elect officers of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

New Business:

1. Sandra Cropsey was introduced as the Mainstreet Director taking Carolyn Byrd's position.
2. Hutcheson described a potential grant application to Georgia Forestry Commission for a master gardener training classes and community education to be organized in the next few months in conjunction with Plant the Future and the City of Griffin.
3. McCarthney said no new trees have been added to the Tree Removal List at this time. Keller reminded the group that only immediate hazard tree removals will be handled by the City until the new tree board is convened.
4. Budd informed members of a free 8 hour invasive species workshop April 27 in Macon.
5. Keller commented on the abundance this time of year for fusiform rust on pines. Budd described the rust colored fungus and Hutcheson talked of it structurally weakening trees.
6. There being no further discussion or comments, on motion by Mrs. Byrd, seconded by Mr. Hutcheson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Milton McCarthney, Acting Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Brant Keller, Chairman