

Minutes of City of Griffin Tree Board  
September 14, 2009

Members present: J. Walker, T. Ridgeway, K. Jenkins, C. Edelstein, M. King, A. Larsen, H. Day.

Under old business, Edelstein presented a sample of the brochure listing the highlights of the Tree Ordinance that will be an enclosure with City of Griffin utility bills this fall. Walker suggested that something also be included with winter utility bills to keep proper tree management in the public eye.

King discussed the GA Urban Forestry Commission's conference that was held Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Walker, Jenkins, Edelstein and King all attended the meeting, where the importance of enforcement of local tree ordinances was discussed. Representatives from Dalton, GA had discussed their community's enforcement division and the importance of protecting trees at construction sites. In addition, discussions were held on heritage trees, the importance of landscaping in parking lots and the writing of regulations for protecting trees in development.

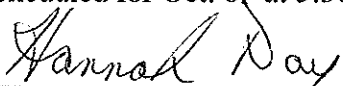
Walker alerted everyone to a conference scheduled for Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at the GA Experiment Station campus, where Dr. Kim Coder of the School of Forestry at the University of Georgia will speak on the health of urban trees. He also said that Field Day will be held at the Experiment Station on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and that the GA Urban Forestry Commission will hold its annual meeting in Stockbridge Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Plant The Future will meet at Wade Hutcheson's office on Broad Street on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss new areas to plant trees in Griffin.

The success of having an article on the work of Tree Board placed in the Griffin Daily News was acknowledged.

Under new business, Jenkins said there were no trees that needed action for this month. He also said there is no more money in the budget to remove trees this year, unless they are declared a hazard to public safety.

A question was raised about the trees that were removed, at owner request, at the old mill building on 4<sup>th</sup> and Solomon Streets. Although the building owner had said he would replace the trees, nothing has ever been done. Jenkins said he would look into the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Hannah Day, Secretary

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Margie King, Chairman