

Minutes of the City of Griffin Tree Board  
November 3, 2008

Tree Board members present: D. Hollberg, J. Miller, T. Ridgeway, K. Jenkins, J. Walker, J. Martin, H. Day, M. King, J. Willis

Guest: Chris Edelstein from Stormwater

D. Hollberg presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman J. Hemphill. Minutes of the October meeting were perused and accepted.

Old Business:

Trees on Ellis Road—K. Jenkins had pictures of trees on Ellis Road that had been continually topped and were being recommended for removal. Because there is no rush to remove, the City will wait. The Board discussed the possibility of planting on the other side of the street since these trees are under power lines.

Trees have been removed from Solomon Street.

J. Walker suggested that Charles Jones be appointed to the Tree Board to complete Jim Demski's term. Hollberg will ask him but would like to wait until the new term which begins in January.

New Business:

Tree Planting—Today the City began planting on W. Solomon. Dogwoods and fringe trees have yet to be ordered because they are encountering difficulty locating fringe trees. K. Jenkins has pruned the maple trees under power lines at the corner of Maple Dr. and Pine Ridge. They obstruct the view from trucks but not from cars, but he will prune them again.

Some stakes have been removed on S. Hill, so the City is delaying planting there. There has been a complaint that a tree will obstruct the view from a citizen's driveway. Jenkins informed property owners through a letter that the City plans to replace those trees that have been removed or will have to be removed in the near future. To date, he has heard nothing, so if there is no contact by Wednesday, the City will go ahead with the planting.

T. Ridgeway informed the Board that the trees at the Welcome Center are obstructing the light from street lights. Jenkins will investigate this. He also noted that power poles on Hill Street need to be replaced and that DOT has requested that the lines be moved back from the street. (State routes are not city rights of way but are state property.) Hollberg suggested that the lines be put underground.

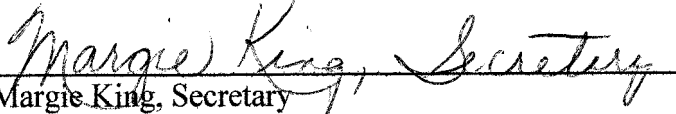
Some of the trees to be planted across from FNB are too close to water lines and to AT&T ducts.

J. Willis informed the Board that people across from United Bank removed stakes and that some of the property owners in that area have questioned a zelkova between their houses. He will take care of this.

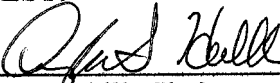
The Board discussed replacing dead dogwoods. They are not to be planted in the same holes.

There is an LCI study of UGA coming up from Ellis Road to Taylor St. It will look at the traffic flow and from it we can see what green will be desired.

**The next meeting of the City of Griffin Tree Board will be Monday, December 1, 2008, at 5:30 PM.**

  
Margie King, Secretary

ATTEST:

  
John Hemphill, Chairman ~~Absent~~  
Doug Hollberg, Presiding