

**Minutes of City of Griffin Tree Board
December 7, 2009**

Members present: J. Walker, J. Willis, C. Edelstein, M. King, T. Ridgeway, J. Arrington, H. Day

Mrs. Rhoda Ingram appeared before the Board to request permission to move Trident Maples planted in the right of way in front of St. George Episcopal Church on 10th Street. Church members had planted the trees themselves, but have since had complaints that the trees are encroaching on the sidewalk and obstructing the view of the church. Mrs. Ingram said she would absorb the expense to move the trees to church property on the other side of the road. The board voted to allow the trees to be moved, provided the church would replace the trees if they do not survive the move.

In other business, the Board received a letter from Gordon Scott, who owns property at the corner of Springer and Beize Streets, requesting permission to remove an unsightly tree growing in the right of way in front of his property. The tree is a volunteer, not planted by the city, and is growing under the power lines. The board voted to allow the removal, provided Mr. Scott uses a licensed tree service at his own expense.

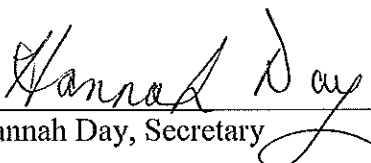
Edelstein reported that the brochure outlining the tree ordinance was included in the utility bills.

Walker reported that Plant-The-Future received permission from Mt. Zion Baptist Church to plant trees on the vacant lot at the corner of 5th and Taylor Streets. Planting will take place in January or February.

Ridgeway said he will not know how much money the city can devote to planting trees until the budget is set after the first of the year.

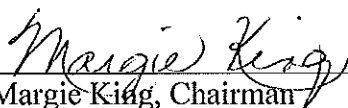
King congratulated Jerry Walker on his Lifetime Achievement Award received from the Georgia Urban Forestry Commission. The Board had nominated Walker for the award because of his dedication to preserving and protecting Griffin's own urban forest. The award was presented at a luncheon held November 5th in Stockbridge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. There will not be a January Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2010.



Hannah Day, Secretary

ATTEST:



Margie King, Chairman