



**Minutes**  
**The Milton Tree Preservation Committee**  
**First Kick-Off Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm.**

**Meeting Location:**

Milton City Hall  
Suite 107-G  
Executive Conference Room

**Committee Members in attendance**

Zack Middlebrooks  
Scott Gronholm  
Roger Festa  
Diane Palmer

**Committee Members not in attendance**

David Holcomb  
Adam Orkin  
Cherilyn Allen

**Guest Attendees**

Joe Padilla, National Homebuilders Association  
A representative of the Girl Scouts (Scout Leader)  
Jahnee Prince, Council for Quality Growth

**Milton Staff in attendance**

Mike Tuller, Community Development  
Mark Law, City Arborist

**Agenda**

1. Introduction of members
2. Introduction of staff
3. Staff presentations
4. Goals
5. Discussion
6. Public comments
7. Additional items
8. Adjournment

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**Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order by Mark Law, City Arborist

**Introductions of those in attendance**

Roger Festa - Developer  
Zack Middlebrooks, Metro Groups  
Diane Palmer, CPA/Bethany Bend  
Scott Gronholm, Developer

**Meeting Notes:**

Roger Festa

- Make plan where developers can save the trees
- How can the tree ordinance help other ordinances

**PowerPoint Presentation Shared with Group**

- Great photos of Milton trees shown
- Study in projects in urban area showing how trees affected human behavior
- Council priorities/concerns shared with group
- Photos of poor tree preservation techniques shown
- What is a specimen tree
  - age, health condition, caliper, etc.
  - not just size...aesthetics
- Proper pricing and maintenance
- Better coordination with tree removal companies

**Mark Law, City Arborist:**

- Recommended Committee consider a tree removal permitting process
- To be an expedited effort to bring before Council
- Problem occurring recently in residential districts
- Should tree companies and/or private homeowners be required to pull permits for tree removal?
- What would cost of permit b for the effort?
- Currently tree plan review looks only at specimen trees on the site plan and review of overall density units per acre

**Guest Joe Padilla:**

- Issue of developing a "good conservation subdivision" ordinance in Milton to protect tree areas

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**Roger Festa:**

- He and Bob Johnson built the first Conservation Subdivision Ordinance in Connecticut

**Guest Jahnee Prince (Council for Quality Growth):**

- Would all the information on trees be in one document and not a cross-referenced approach between overlays and zoning sections?

**Guest Joe Padilla:**

- Mentioned City of Woodstock tree plan that gave extra credit for preservation of large canopy trees based on a "unit count" methodology framework

**Roger Festa:**

- Discussion a simplified plan for user-friendliness and administration of the program
  - Recommended planting 2 inch trees over 3 inch or greater based on survivability and drought

**Mark Law, City Arborist:**

- Mentioned in his experience he has seen difficulty in with 4-6 inch trees thriving.
- Stated that a smaller tree will establish itself sooner than a larger tree.
- This needs to be taken into consideration during droughts or watering bans.

**Next Committee Meeting Date**

**Mark Law, City Arborist:**

- Emailing group to see if day or evening meetings would be preferable.

**Adjournment**

- There was no further business
- The Milton Tree Preservation Committee meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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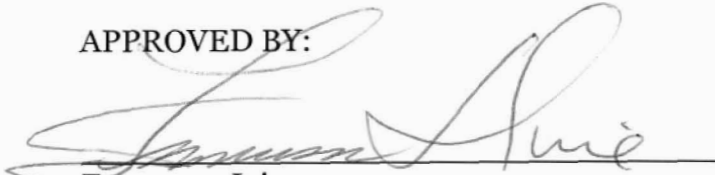
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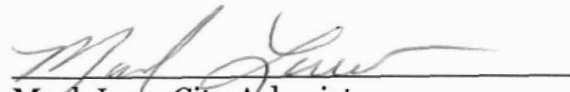
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