



**Minutes**  
**The Milton Tree Preservation Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 3:30 pm.**

**Meeting Location:**

Milton City Hall  
Executive Conference Room  
Suite 107-G

**Committee Members in attendance**

Zack Middlebrooks  
Roger Festa  
Diane Palmer  
Cherilyn Allen  
Adam Orkin

**Committee Members not in attendance**

David Holcomb  
Scott Gronholm

**Guest Attendees**

Joe Padilla, National Homebuilders Association  
John McPhail

**Milton Staff in attendance**

Mark Law, City Arborist  
Matt Zyjewski, Community Development Intern  
Alice Wakefield, Community Development Director

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**Agenda**

- 1) Discussion of review process
- 2) Review of Tree Ordinance Section 1
- 3) Discussion of plan goals
- 4) Future meeting schedule
- 5) Adjournment

**Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order by Mark Law, City Arborist

**Meeting Notes:**

**Review of Tree Ordinance and Recommendations**

Recommendations:

- Roger Festa first recommended that “City of Milton” needs to replace all references to Fulton County throughout the Tree Ordinance.
- Regarding Section I.B. of the Tree Ordinance, Roger Festa stated that there were not enough purposes, and that two other purposes should be included which consist of 1) re-vegetate stream areas and public roadways to help improve water quality and 2) re-vegetate areas in heat zones.
- Regarding Section II.B. of the Tree Ordinance, Roger Festa recommended that “or any tree removal” be added to this section.
- Regarding Section II C., Roger Festa recommended “all” be added to this section to ensure that not just developers are responsible for tree removal procedures. Mr. Festa also wanted to add a clause to this section which stated that no tree removal should be granted unless it meets requirements of the City of Milton Tree Ordinance.

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- Diane Palmer raised the question of how the city can educate the public of new rules, and requirements. Public input meetings and the Milton Herald were discussed as possibilities.
- Regarding Section III (Definitions), Alice Wakefield made a recommendation that the committee come back to definitions after the rest of the ordinance has been reviewed. However, a cursory review of definitions still happened at the meeting.
- Regarding Section III 3.C, Roger Festa recommended that “Or re-vegetated stream buffer” should be added to the definition.
- Mr. Festa further commented about definition 17, land disturbing activity, and noted that land disturbance is done a lot by equipment, and recommended that equipment be added to the definition.
- Regarding definition 29 of Section III, state waters, Roger Festa made the recommendation to delete “drainage systems” from the definition.
- Regarding 32 B of Section III, Roger Festa recommended that “or species” be added to this definition.
- City Arborist, Mark Law, then described Japanese maples and stated how they are uncommon to this area.
- Regarding 32 D, Roger Festa said that part D of this definition is open to too much interpretation.
- Mr. Festa recommended that another definition (33 A) should be added to the ordinance, which would discuss the Tree Fund.
- Regarding Section IV. A, City Arborist, Mark Law, made the recommendation that “certified by Landscape Architect” be added to this definition.
- Regarding Section IV. D, a recommendation was made to add “issuance of pool and fence permit” to the section.

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**Discussion of Plan Goals**

- The tree committee came to a consensus that tree permit research needs to be done for a future tree permit application in the City of Milton. The tree permit removal application would then be based on the size/type of tree, as prescribed by the tree committee at a later date.

**Next Meeting Date**

- Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
- Location: City Hall Executive Conference Room, Suite 107-G

**Meeting Minutes**

- The approval of the June 26, 2008 meeting minutes of the Milton Tree Preservation Committee were deferred until the July 23, 2008 meeting, pending approval of the Committee Members.

**Adjournment**

- There was no further business
- The Milton Tree Preservation Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY:

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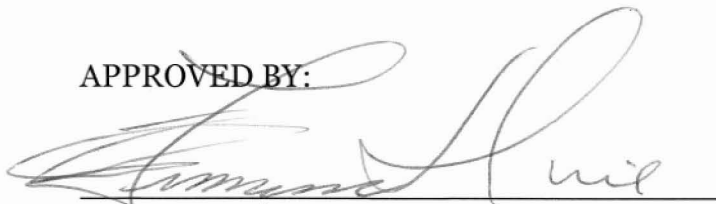
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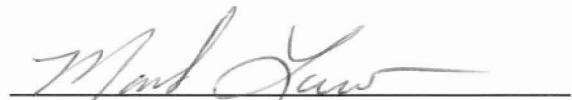
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