



**Minutes**  
**The Milton Tree Preservation Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Milton City Hall  
Executive Conference Room—Suite 107-G

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Roger Festa  
David Holcomb  
Adam Orkin  
Diane Palmer

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Cherilyn Allen  
Zack Middlebrooks  
Scott Gronholm

**GUEST ATTENDEES**

Joe Padilla

**MILTON STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Mark Law, City Arborist  
Alexandria Hancock, Community Development Intern

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**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
- 3) Tree Removal Permit Letter
- 4) Tree Removal Permit Application
- 5) Additional Comments
- 6) December Meetings
- 7) Adjournment

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order by City Arborist, Mark Law

**INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- The October 29, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee members.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mark Law

- Purposes of Tree Ordinances comments?
  - Concluded that purpose section is sufficient.
  - Ordinance is applicable to all parcels within the city

Mark Law

- What do you all want to see for the size of tree removal requirements?

Roger Festa

- 6" or over there must be notification, 8" or over requires notification and a fee AND if it goes beyond the minimum coverage for the site

Joe Padilla

- Last meeting: notification on any activity would require an affidavit with potential for the arborist to spot check it, permit would be required for anything over 6" or more than 6 trees within a 12 month period

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Mark Law

- Exemptions for tree removals such as Christmas tree farms, commercial nurseries, trees being removed by the city or state, diseased, dead or dying trees, trees causing structural damage to surrounding buildings, or trees in the right-of-ways, etc.
- Christmas tree farms need a business license, so that is how we can tell if they are really a true business.

Roger Festa

- Site Plans are required for any time an applicant is taking out more than 6 trees per year, a land disturbance of more than 5,000 sq. ft., or if they are going below the density requirement.
- The legal owner needs to sign off on it

Mark Law

- Specimen tree size criteria: under story trees are 10" caliper (group agrees that 8" would be alright), beech trees are 24" caliper, hardwoods are currently 27", pines are 30"
- We cannot stop timbering, but we can discourage it by requiring a time limit for development.
- There could be incentives to leaving buffers during timbering like a lesser time limit.
- Front and rear yard buffer requirements and the side yard buffers should be the same- whatever is required in the zoning ordinance right now.
- Cannot require tree removal companies have to have an arborist on staff, but can require the companies to follow all parameters that an arborist would enforce.
- A preferred list of tree removal companies can be provided to citizens without restricting them to just those companies.
- These companies must have a business license and proof of insurance in order to be on the preferred list.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comment

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**NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m.
- Location: City Hall Executive Conference Room, Suite 107-G


**ADJOURNMENT**

- There was no further business

The Milton Tree Preservation Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Date Approved: 1-28-09

APPROVED BY:

  
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Francesca Ivie  
City Clerk's Office

  
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Mark Law, City Arborist