

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 28, 1997

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Milovich at 8:45 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer, roll was called and the following members were present:

Vaughn Radi

Steve Bennett

Mike Milovich

Budd Eversman

Bruce Faris

1. President Milovich explained that the purpose for this evenings meeting was to, informally, discuss various changes in the Landscape Code and noted the presence of Bob Lathrop, Urban Forester and Mike Esposito, Chairman of Tree Commission.

Mr. Lathrop began by explaining the interpretation of the existing Code and the enforcement thereof. He broke this down into parking lot landscaping and the interior thereof, including drive isles; and the structure itself, which is measured by the linear footage of the perimeter.

Mr. Bennett commented that the comments he has received deal with the "mom & pop" shops who don't have the money to put out for all the landscaping required. He wondered if there is a need to put in a provision for these types of businesses.

Mr. Faris commented that the purpose of the Chapter is to address NEW Development and we must be careful with what we do on Existing Development.

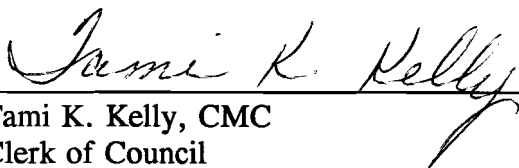
Mr. Eversman asked if we should be concerned with perimeter or building landscaping. Mr. Lathrop said he feels perimeter landscaping should be used to enhance the area rather than hide the building. Mr. Bennett stated that he feels perimeter landscaping does nothing until those trees are mature (15 years later) and if one needs replaced, it is always smaller.

Mr. Radi voiced concern over allowing businesses to landscape like most on the end of Southwest Boulevard. He said the only nice one is Mahan Construction. He feels there should be some flexibility in the Code, but, doesn't want to weaken the regulations.

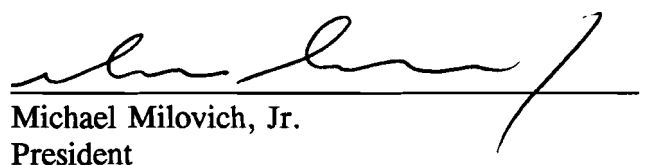
Mr. Faris offered the option of giving Planning Commission the ability to approve a landscaping plan that varies from Code. He indicated that knowing this determines how he feels about other sections in the Chapter. After *much* discussion on this topic, giving Planning Commission the ability to recommend exceptions from the Landscape Code, in PUD and HPA Districts, to Council as referenced in the Planning Commission Minutes, will be given further review.

5. After additional review of some smaller amendments (drive isles), a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC
Clerk of Council



Michael Milovich, Jr.
President