

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX - TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Reed, Melissa Randles, Judy Terry, Regina Favorite,  
and Don Ruffner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bradley Boehringer

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Don Ruffner made the motion to accept the minutes from February 5, 2009 meeting, Judy Terry seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO 1. SPRING TREE PLANTING**

Bob Graeser has been doing what he can to prepare for the spring tree planting along County Road 25-A, but without a firm answer from the county regarding the payment for the trees, not a lot can be done. Bob also brought up the subject of lane closing for that particular tree planting and the idea for closing one lane, one side of 25A at a time. Everybody seemed to think that this was a good idea.

**ITEM NO 2. TREE CITY USA**

Bob Graeser let the committee know that the City has officially qualified for the Tree City USA award again. He reminded the committee that there will be a luncheon and award ceremony in Hamilton on April 17th. Bob requested that anybody wanting to go to this luncheon RSVP as soon as possible. The deadline for RSVP is before the April tree meeting.

**ITEM NO 3. CANAL PLACE TREES**

Melissa Reed informed the committee that the Canal Place trees had been pruned instead of removed. Bob Graeser confirmed that the Canal Place trees as well as the Nicklin Ave. trees are still scheduled to be removed in April.

**ITEM NO 4. HAZARD TREE**

Don Ruffner brought to the attention of the committee a hazard tree that needs attention. Part of the large tree at the corner of College and Greene came down in the windstorm.

**ITEM NO 4. ARBOR DAY**

The committee decided that the planting of a pink dogwood tree at Das Park would be a lovely Arbor Day celebration. The committee also decided that it would be nice for the children from Nicklin Learning Center to attend and possibly recite the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. The committee hoped that the celebration would take place on Thursday, April 16th, but they are open to other dates if April 16th does not fit in to the children's school

schedule. Melissa Randles was asked to contact the principal of the school and work out the details.

**END OF MEETING**

Don Ruffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Judy Terry seconded the motion.

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**Melissa Randles, Chairperson**

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bob Graeser**  
**Staff Secretary**