

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX - TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Several changes needed to be made to the minutes from the June meeting. Those changes included changing a mis-spelled street name and also changing the location of a hazard tree. Bradley Boehringer made the motion to accept the minutes as amended from June's meeting, Melissa Reed seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 1: COUNTY ROAD 25A

The June 13th dirt removal and cleanup effort was a success. The trees along 25A and also Nicklin Ave. will be mulched by the street department. Bob Graeser assured the tree committee that he would make sure that the street department knows not to pile mulch around the tree trunks. The street department has also been asked to water the new trees at both project sites. Bob Graeser has confirmed the fall tree planting with the county engineer and is working out the details for the coming planting.

ITEM NO. 2: HAZARD TREES

Melissa Reed asked that a list for hazard tree removal be made. She suggested that it list what has and has not yet been done on the hazard tree list.

ITEM NO. 3: CHAPTER 96

The tree committee discussed chapter 96. The committee questioned whether the requirements are really enforceable and exactly how the appeals system actually works. Bradley Boehringer tabled Chapter 96 until the next meeting and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 4: EAB EMERGENCY PLAN

The memo that was sent to the commissioners pertaining to the emerald ash borer was passed out to the committee members. The memo highlighted the Midwest Regional Tree Committee meeting that Piqua hosted in June. The emerald ash borer has started affecting trees in the immediate area including Troy, Piqua, Tipp City, and also Sidney. The Piqua ash tree inventory that was recently completed revealed that Piqua has about 160 ash trees in the city right-of-ways. These ash trees are mostly 6"-8" in diameter at breast height. Most of these trees are in good condition now, but need to be removed before they are dead. The City will be sending out request for proposals for the removal of the trees according to the city's tree removal specifications and will be submitted as a budget item. There will be another emerald ash borer meeting in September.

ITEM NO. 5: MISCELLANEOUS

1. Another request has been made for some trees to be planted in Kiwanis Park.
2. Judy Terry asked about the procedure for requesting a memorial tree in Fountain Park. Bob Graeser mentioned that the plaque that normally accompanies a memorial tree is difficult to keep.
3. Bradley Boehringer asked about the possibility of planting a Buckeye tree in the Shawnee Community Garden - nobody seemed to have a problem with that idea.

END OF MEETING

Melissa Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bradley Boehringer seconded the motion.

Melissa Randles, Chairperson

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Bob Graeser
Staff Secretary