

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

GUEST PRESENT: Steve Trostel

MEETING MINUTES

The motion to accept the minutes from the November 5th meeting was made by Brad Boehringer and seconded by Melissa Reed

ITEM NO 1. MISCELLANEOUS FROM NOVEMBER

The miscellaneous list from the November 5th meeting was addressed.

1. Bob is going to look at Candlewood as a possible location for planting trees next spring. - This has not yet been done, but is on Bob's list of things to do.
2. There is a hazard tree on N. Wayne that needs to be taken care of - it was hit by lightning. - The location of the tree was further clarified as being between 520 and 526 N. Wayne. Bob will take a look at it.
3. There is a dead tree at the entrance of Hollow Park. - This tree is on the hazard tree list and will be taken care of.
4. The stumps from the trees planted last fall at Armory Park need to be taken care of - Don Ruffner volunteered for this task. - This was done.
5. A tree stump at the north end of Giles Park needs to be taken care of. - The stump is still there as well as another dead tree at the south end of the park that also needs to be taken addressed.
6. There are two staked trees at Shawnee Community Garden that need to have the stakes removed - Melissa Randles volunteered for this task. - This was done by Melissa .

ITEM NO 2. CHAPTER 96

Brad Boehringer asked if the tree committee is the final step in the appeals process and it was mentioned that per chapter 96, a homeowner can write an appeal to the City Commission if they don't like the tree committee's decision. Brad also asked about the size of the hole required to plant a tree. He was wondering if the dimensions specified in chapter 96 were really sufficient. Melissa Randles is going to email an updated copy of chapter 96 to everyone.

ITEM NO 3. ARBOR DAY

Bob Graeser spoke with Theresa Andersen about the possibility of having the kindergarten class attend the Arbor Day event. The proposed event location will be Kiwanis Park as it is within walking distance for the children. Steve Trostel suggested a Saturday festival to celebrate both Arbor Day and Earth Day. He also

suggested that we could give away sapling trees as a way to attract people to the festival.

ITEM NO 4. SPRING PLANTING

The tree committee discussed the need for a spring planting this year. The spring planting should possibly involve planting several trees at Kiwanis Park. Also, since it is difficult to get people inspired to want trees in time for the plantings, we could hand out information to interested people during the spring planting so that we have a list for the fall planting.

ITEM NO 5. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Bob would like help to move a tree at Kiwanis Park. A date has not been set.
2. The tree fund is starting to run a little low and the committee discussed ways to bring in funds.
3. Steve Trostel shared with the committee about the Tree Commission Academy and how it is geared toward teaching tree committee members about the many different aspects of forestry.
4. Don Ruffner asked about whether Canal Place was going to be replanted but the stumps need to be removed first.

END OF MEETING

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

Melissa Randles, Chairperson

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Bob Graeser
Staff Secretary