

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Boehringer

**MEETING MINUTES**

Melissa Reed suggested a change be made to the February minutes and the committee approved the minutes as amended.

**ITEM NO 1. CHAPTER 96**

Melissa Reed suggested some changes for Chapter 96 and she also questioned the enforceability of the statutes. The tree committee had some discussion on this subject. Melissa wanted greater enforcement of violators of the ordinance.

**ITEM NO 2. ARBOR DAY**

The President of the North Parks Neighborhood Association, Alan Miller as well as North Parks Liaison Bill Lutz was present to discuss with the tree committee the new playground equipment at Kiwanis Park and how it would affect tree placement. Alan helped the committee find a new location in Kiwanis Park for the tree that was planted too close to the future play equipment.

The committee also tentatively set the date for the Arbor Day celebration as April 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bob Graeser will talk with Theresa Andersen about having the kindergartners at Nicklin Learning Center attend and read the poem "Trees", Joyce Kilmer. Bob said he will make appropriate notifications to other dignitaries so they can attend.

**ITEM NO 3. SPRING PLANTING**

Bob Graeser will try to enlist the help of Jean Franz for the upcoming spring planting. The spring planting which should happen sometime in May will be mainly in the area surrounding Kiwanis Park. Bob also will be visiting some people on his list for the fall tree planting.

**ITEM NO 4. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Don Ruffner mentioned two trees on 25A – a broken tree that needs to be replaced and a leaning tree. The leaning tree might possibly be switched with a straighter tree and replanted in Kiwanis Park.
2. There was a brief discussion about the historic tree at the corner of Boone and Caldwell.
3. The tree on North Wayne did not make the list for removal; other trees were prioritized to be removed instead of this one. The City had to make some modification to the trees that were to be removed due to budgetary restraints.

4. Riverside/Broadway Reconstruction will start late this spring; letters were sent to all property owners informing them that their tree will have to be removed. These property owners can appeal the decision to the Tree Committee. Appeals will be heard at the next scheduled meeting, if any of the property owners wish to file an appeal.

**END OF MEETING**

Judy Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melissa Reed seconded the motion.

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**Melissa Randles, Chairperson**

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

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