

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Reed and Regina Favorite

GUEST: Michael Lange and Steve Trostel

MEETING MINUTES

Brad Boehringer moved to approve the March 4 meeting minutes and Don Ruffner seconded the motion.

ITEM NO 1. TREE UNDER APPEAL

Mrs. Gertrude Lange of 1601 Broadway submitted a letter of appeal for the tree removal. The letter of appeal will be affixed as part of the April 1, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Michael Lange was present to speak to the committee on behalf of the property owner in her absence.

Bob Graeser explained the scope of work for the Broadway construction project. The specifications detail the removal of sidewalk which requires digging alongside the tree in question. The construction will have a potentially negative impact on the health of the tree. The City has offered to remove the tree before construction at no cost to the homeowner.

Michael Lange objected to the manner of notification to the homeowner and also objected to the removal of the tree. He presented to the committee a watercolor painting of the tree in full fall color and said that he played under the tree as a child and would like to see this tree remain.

Bob Graeser and Judy Terry both stated that the construction along this tree would most likely cause the tree to go into further decline and will cause the tree to die faster. Should the appeal be granted the City will take all possible measures to preserve the tree during construction; however, the committee made sure to explain that if the tree does not survive the stress of the work, it would be at the owner's expense to remove the tree. Judy Terry moved for a vote and Brad Boehringer seconded.

Melissa Randles, Judy Terry and Don Ruffner voted to grant the appeal and keep the tree. Brad Boehringer abstained from the vote.

The committee explained to Michael Lange that when the tree dies, it would not be the City's responsibility. A letter will be sent to the property owner explaining the outcome of the appeal and the subsequent results.

ITEM NO 2. MISCELLANEOUS

Don Ruffner mentioned what a beautiful job was done along County Road 25-A. There are still a few dead trees near the trailer park.

END OF MEETING

Brad Boehringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don Ruffner seconded the motion.

Melissa Randles, Chairperson

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Bob Graeser
Staff Secretary