

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

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

STAFF PRESENT Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Brad Boehringer moved to approve the April 1, 2010 meeting minutes and Judy Terry seconded the motion.

ITEM NO 1. ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day was celebrated on the 22nd of April in Kiwanis Park. The City Parks Department planted a red oak tree and the kindergartners from Nicklin Learning Center were in an attendance to participate by reciting the poem by Joyce Kilmer "Trees". The Mayor, Commissioners, Tree Committee members, Kiwanis Club members, and members of North Parks Neighborhood Committee were also in attendance.

ITEM NO 2. SPRING PLANTING

The committee decided on a tentative date of June 12th for the spring planting this year. There are going to be trees planted at the following locations: Kiwanis Park, Das Park, Candlewood Blvd., East. High Street, County Road 25A, Nicklin, and also at a few residential locations. Brad Boehringer asked that no trees be planted any further north than just outside the radius at Kiwanis Park. Bob Graeser said that he spoke to Alan Miller about the placement of additional trees, at the time that the Arbor Day tree location was chosen.

ITEM NO 3. PARKS TREES

Bob Graeser suggested the Tree Committee start doing surveys of the trees in the various city parks. Included in the surveys would be the species and general condition of the individual trees. Judy Terry suggested labeling some of the types of trees in Hollow Park. The committee decided to conduct the parks trees surveys during regular meeting times. The June 3rd meeting will be held at Fountain Park.

Bob discussed with the committee that he wanted to have several surveys that would involve the committee such as; tree indemnification, what to look for hazard tree conditions, and EAB evaluations. This would help the committee members be more active in the management of the urban forest within the City.

ITEM NO 4. MISCELLANEOUS

- Bob Graeser went to the Tree City USA awards ceremony in Montgomery, Ohio. He accepted the award on behalf of the City of Piqua. This was Piqua's 15th Tree City USA award.
- Bob Graeser is going to update the hazard tree list this summer.
- According to Don Ruffner, the hazard tree at 520 & 524 Wayne is hollow and the top is broken off.
- Don Ruffner mentioned that the trees planted in Armory Park by the Tree Committee have been broken off.
- Melissa Reed identified a dying tree across from the post office, next to the bank.
- Don Ruffner also mentioned the dead trees at Giles Park still need attention. Bob will evaluate all dead and hazard trees for removal and report to the Parks Department.
- Bob Graeser told the committee that the Emerald Ash Borer has apparently slowed down in Piqua but is still going strong in Troy. The EAB survey needs to be updated this summer.

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