

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Boehringer

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Don Ruffner moved to approve the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes and Judy Terry seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO 1. TREE SURVEY**

This July, the tree committee and Wendi Van Buren identified about half of the trees in the lower part of fountain park. Bob Graeser found the GPS coordinates and took a picture of each of the identified trees and uploaded the information to his computer. This is a start by the tree committee to identify trees in all of the parks as well as list the condition of each of the trees.

**ITEM NO 2. EMERALD ASH BORER INVENTORY**

Bob Graeser worked on updating the Emerald Ash Borer for all the street trees in the city. He added all the trees that were done last year and is going to review all trees that are in poor or fair condition. This is a part of the annual monitoring within the EAB management plan Bob will review with the committee his findings.

**ITEM NO 3 TREE PLANTING**

The streets and parks departments took care of the spring tree planting. All the newly planted trees, including the 3 new trees on 25A, have been water bagged. Don Ruffner mentioned that there is a tree on 25A that has been run over and broken off – perhaps it will be part of the fall planting. The fall planting will probably take place in October. Bob is going to check into the funding available for the trees as well as look into sources for volunteers. Melissa Reed suggested that, in order to help offset the cost of the tree, it might be a possibility to charge the homeowners that want a new tree.

**END OF MEETING**

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

The next park trees survey will take place at Upper Fountain Park on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the regular meeting time.

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**Melissa Randles, Chairperson**

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

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