

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Terry

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Regina Favorite moved to approve the September 2nd meeting minutes and Melissa Randles seconded the motion.

ITEM NO 1. EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer regional meeting took place on September 29th. In attendance were representatives from the Cities of Troy, Tipp City, Sidney, Urbana, Vandalia, and Piqua. Bob Graeser attended the meeting on the behalf of the City of Piqua. In 2011, there will be a grant available from the Ohio Department of Development to cities like Piqua. The grant will offer a 50/50 match for ash removal and replacement. Bob Graeser also commented that, while Piqua's ash trees appear to be doing alright now, he is especially interested to see how they will look next spring. He will be keeping a particularly close eye on Clark, N. Wayne, and Park streets.

ITEM NO 2. FALL PLANTING

There will be 16 trees scheduled for the fall tree planting. 3 in Mote Park, 3 on Candlewood, and the rest are residential. The planting will take place on October 30th. Everyone is to meet at Kiwanis Park at 8:30am.

ITEM NO 3. MISCELLANEOUS

Don Ruffner mentioned that there was a tree on the 17th hole of the golf course that had been struck by lightning. Bob said he will look at the tree and make a survey of the tree and follow up with the committee.

The upcoming arboriculture class in Sidney will be on November 3-4. Bob Graeser and Melissa Reed plan on attending.

END OF MEETING

Don Ruffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melissa Reed seconded the motion.

Next meeting will be Thursday November 4^t in the Triangle Conference room.

Melissa Randles, Chairperson

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Bob Graeser
Staff Secretary