

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Randles, Melissa Reed, Judy Terry, Regina Favorite,
and Jean Franz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Ruffner

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the November 4th meeting minutes as amended and
Melissa Reed seconded the motion.

ITEM NO 1. TREE FUND

Bob Graeser announced to the tree committee that there is \$3700 left in the tree fund.
The money should cover the 2011 tree plantings.

ITEM NO 2. EMERALD ASH BORER

Bob Graeser took the EAB tree inventory and made a spreadsheet that incorporated
prices for removal and replacement of the ash trees in the city right-of-ways. The total
came out to be approx. \$77,000 with \$39,000 of that being just for removal of the trees.
With the 50/50 match from the grant, the city would be responsible for approx. \$38,000.
The city simply does not have this money in the budget. Bob was able to secure a
donation for \$6,000 for the ash tree project which is effectively \$12,000 with the match
from the grant. The next step is for Bob to earmark the largest of the ash trees for
removal. He has not yet come up with any solid numbers on the trees he will be able to
have removed and replaced. The city can save some money on the project by having
volunteers plant the replacement trees. In January, a sub-committee will be started to
figure out which types of trees will be best to offer as replacements for the removed ash
trees. Bob suggested that the male ginkgo be considered. Jean Franz moved to accept
Bob's plan, Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 4 MISCELLANEOUS

Bob Graeser is still working on the miscellaneous list from November.

END OF MEETING

Melissa Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Judy Terry seconded the motion.
Next meeting will be January 6, 2011

Melissa Randles, Chairperson

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
Bob Graeser
Staff Secretary