

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Ruffner

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

GUEST. Steve Trostel

**MEETING MINUTES**

Melissa Reed moved to approve the December 2nd meeting minutes as submitted and Jean Frantz seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO 1. REVIEW EMERALD ASH BORER GRANT**

Bob Graeser detailed the submitted Emerald Ash Borer Grant submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Grant Program out are as follows. The City of Piqua has implemented portions of the City Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. At this point, the City of Piqua has completed an Ash Tree Inventory of all the trees located on public property and the public right of way; over 170 trees have been identified. Inquiries were made of private sector providers for the removal and replacement of tree. These inquiries provide the basis for the city's budgetary estimates.

The budget was summated as follows.

<b>State of Ohio</b>	<b>\$ 9,700.00</b>
<b>Private Donation</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>City Tree Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,400.00</b>

Bob stated that the grant was submitted by the appointed deadline; however no notice has been received.

**ITEM NO 2. MICELANIOUS.**

Steve Trostel submitted additional options for funding agents that could be explored by the committee to bolster the diminishing current tree fund. Steve suggested contacting; the Earth Day Network, The Wal-Mart Foundation, and the Home Depot Building Healthy, which can all be found under [www. acttrees.org](http://www.acttrees.org) website to try and acquire additional funds. Steve also added when are able to acquire funds that we could provide a

50/50 program, under this suggestion the property owner would share the expense of the cost of the tree to help to decrease the cities expenses as well as helping the property owners taking in part of ownership of the trees that are being planted.

The committee discussed if the committee will continue to plant trees in owner occupied property only. Under the current private donor request that all the trees would be planted in owner occupied properties, because people who own their homes are more likely to maintain the trees, and have a greater longevity of occupancy. This will have to be addressed at a later meeting to limit or extend this consideration.

Steve Trostel mention that an Ash tree was removed out of Pitsenbarger Park and a large stump still remained. Bob Graeser said he would look into this.

Bob also mentioned that he wanted to investigate the possibilities of having a complete tree inventory for all the right of way trees. Steve mentioned to try the UVJVS in their high school division to see if they could donate their time to start the process.

### **END OF MEETING**

Judy Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jean Frantz seconded the motion.  
Next meeting will be April 7, 2011

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**Chairperson**

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

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