

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larkin Cornett, Judy Terry, Regina Favorite, Brenda Vetter, and Steve Trostel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Ruffner

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Trostel moved to approve the April 5, 2012 meeting minutes and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO. 1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Bob Graeser accepted all nominations for the open position for Chairperson made vacant by the absences of Melissa Reed. Bob explained the position and responsibilities. The chairman shall preside at all meetings, subject to this policy, they shall decide all points of procedure unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Committee in session at the time, and shall perform all other duties required by the policy.

Steve Trostel nominated Larkin Cornett and Larkin dominated Don Ruffner. The voting for this position was postponed until the following month, with the hope to have a full attendance of committee members.

**ITEM No. 2 EMERALD ASH BORER**

Mr. Graeser explained to the committee that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is recommending that communities treat their Ash Trees. Formally their position was to remove Ash Trees, and that little could be gained in the treatment of the infected trees.

Mr. Graeser continued to point out that the only tree lined street that contains Ash trees is on Clark Avenue, and did the committee want to risk the expenditure of treating these trees when those that have seen results have already been treating for three years. The committee agreed to find out what the expense would be to have the trees on Clark treated.

Mr. Graeser said he will request the assistance of a local tree service company to supply an estimated cost of treating 39 trees with a caliper from 10-15” diameter at breast height. The trees would have to be treated for a period of five years, to insure life of the trees. This would permit the borer to run its course in the region.

Mr. Graeser will be responsible to review the prices internally and report the findings to the committee.

### **ITEM No. 3 AGENDA FOR 2012 FOR THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee chose to work on the following items for the 2012 calendar year.

1. Emerald Ash Borer within the city and how the committee recommends the treatment of EAB in the community.
2. The Committee has worked on the efforts to revise the Tree Ordinance, in years past and would like to have a final draft completed by the end of the year.
3. As an extended project the committee would like to work on a Master Tree Plan for the City.
4. Steve Trostel recommended that the City endeavor to achieve Tree City Growth Award status.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Brenda Vetter mentioned that it would be a nice idea to have a tree dedication for the new schools that are being built from the City Tree Committee to promote the advancement of Arboriculture within Piqua City Schools.

There were other comments about additional collaborations with other groups or persons that may be able to assist in the efforts in advancement of the urban forest.

### **ADJOURN**

Steve Trostel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brenda Vetter seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.