

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larkin Cornett, Judy Terry, Regina Favorite, Brenda Vetter, and Don Ruffner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Trostel

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the May 3, 2012 meeting minutes and Brenda Vetter seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 1 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Bob Graeser indicated there were two nominees for the Tree Committee Chairman from the May 3rd meeting, Larkin Cornett, and Don Ruffner. Don Ruffner was absent when he was nominated for the position and wished to respectively withdraw his name from a vote of the Committee members. All present members voted that Larkin Cornett will fill the position of Tree Committee Chairman.

Bob informed Larkin that he would assume the position at the next regular meeting scheduled for July 5, 2012.

ITEM No. 2 EMERALD ASH BORER

Bob took time reviewing the City's most recent treating of the Ash Trees on Clark Avenue. On the week of May 14th Tree Care treated 39 Ash Trees on Clark Avenue, with the intent to prevent, or to reduce the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer in an isolated area. Clark Avenue has the greatest density of Ash Trees in the City and nearly every tree along the right of way is an Ash Tree. Bob further added this will be an ideal test lab to check the effectiveness of all the trees treated. Many of the adjacent streets also have Ash Trees located near the treated area. The Tree Committee will be able to compare those trees that were treated to others that are not. ProCare did the treatments with Imidacloprid soil drench injections equal to the diameter of the tree.

ITEM No. 3 REVIEW ORDINANCE

Bob passed out the last revision to the Tree Ordinance that was done last year. Since the committee has changed with new members, new copies were distributed for member to review. Bob asked the committee to look it over, to bring back all proposed changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Ruffner mentioned that there are more dead trees on north 25A that should be checked.

Bob mentioned that the trees on the corner of East Main and Staunton, were not a approved tree to have in the right of way. He said he would stop and visit the property owners.

Don Ruffner also mentioned some dead trees on the corner of Greene and Spring Street, in Roland Park, and Wayne and North Street. Bob said he would look into having these trees removed.

ADJOURN

Judy Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larkin Cornet seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2012.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.