

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Trostel and Brenda Vetter

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Don Ruffner moved to approve the June 7, 2012 meeting minutes and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO. 1 JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> STORM**

Bob Graeser took some time to talk about the damage that occurred from the storms that came through June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He explained that he went to the areas of the city after the storm went through on Friday at about 4:00p.m. Bob explained that the trees that were damaged were trees not considered to be high probability for the potential for wind damage. There were several trees that were completely uprooted from the winds, which the recent drought conditions could have been a contributing factor. Bob reported none of the trees were previously noted as hazards trees.

**ITEM No. 2 ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Because there was not a full attendance of the tree committee members, this particular portion of the agenda was tabled until the next regular meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob informed the committee that the Engineering Department every year has a street resurfacing program; different sections of the city are designated as areas of resurfacing do to their condition of need. As a part of this work, the Engineering Department trims trees in this area to maintain proper clearances for the surface mill and the paver. When this work is being done the tree company doing this work will look for other dead portions of the trees and remove the unwanted hazards along the work zone. This is a effort to reduce hazardous conditions, and to trim some trees without a specific tree trimming program. Bob also reminded the committee that this effort will not remove all the possible hazards, because some to the streets to be resurfaced on a given year may have a few trees on them.

Committee mentioned that it would be interesting to do more articles or programs on trees, such as; Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beatle, special trees in our committee, care and maintenance of trees.

Bob said that he would try to work this into his schedule as time permits.

Bob mentioned the St Rt 36 Beautification project, which is in the planning stages of design. This work is an effort to improve our gateway to our community from Looney Road to the west side of the river bridge on St Rt 36. Under the current design this project will contain several hundred trees and low maintenance groundcover, which would be the most dynamic entry way in the region.

This project is scheduled to begin next year, providing that the funding from the State will be available.

### **ADJOURN**

Don Ruffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judy Terry seconded the motion.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.