

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the August 2, 2012 meeting minutes and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 1 ORDINANCE REVIEW

Bob Graeser asked the committee if there were any parts to the new ordinance that needed to be reviewed. The latest version is a combination of all the revisions made from the previous tree committee members and the current members. Bob mentioned that he wanted to make some additional changes on some of the Crab Apple trees on the undesirable trees list, from the revised list. The committee voted unanimously to adopt the latest version of the revised ordinance.

ITEM No. 2 ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

Committee Chairman, Larkin Cornett discussed the advancement of the ALB in Bethel Township. Bob further explained that all the local hardwoods were susceptible to this Asian pest, and added that local Urban Foresters are removing all the hardwoods in the Bethel Township area to try and to eradicate the movement of this pest. According to the ODR 's website they are prohibiting the movement of several types of hardwood firewood and any type of cuttings that could prevent the control of the ALB into other communities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob informed the committee about a meeting he had with Terry Lavy. Mr. Lavy committed to help with education and services to help with some of the evasive species the city has within the parks and other public areas within the city. Terry talked about the need to educate the Public Works Department of how to minimize the spreading of these unwanted plant species.

Steve Trostel mentioned he would like to discuss the St Rt 36 Beautification project at the next meeting. Bob mentioned that he would send out a copy of the proposed site plan for review at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Trosel and seconded by Judy Terry.

Next meeting will be Thursday November 1, 2012

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.