

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Trostel

SPECIAL GUEST: Bethany Royer

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the March 7, 2013 meeting minutes and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Bob mentioned to the group that he intended to have Arbor Day at French Park this year; he had also invited Nicklin Learning Center students to accompany the group for the planting of a park tree. Bob said he was still working out the details to make was some plans to make the event a special time.

The event will on Monday the 29th at 10:00 with a rain date of May 6th at the same time.

EAB TREATMENT CLARK AVENUE

Bob was pleased to announce that the city was releasing funds for the immediate treatment of the Ash Trees along Clark Avenue. This area is the City's highest density of Ash Trees within the right of way, and the city recognizes that this natural resource worth the effort to try and preserve. A soil drench application of Imidocloprid applied in early April when the greatest about of nutrient activity is occurring permitting the insecticide reach the highest points of the tree canopy. The density of application is one injection per diameter inch of the tree at breast height.

Bob said that the committee have to see the effects of the treatment in the latter part of the summer, when Ash Trees show the greatest effect of infestation during this time of the year.

1500 TREES BY 2015

Bob stated that this is an initiative from the City Manager with the purpose to broaden the urban forest within the City. The plan is to actively promote citizens to plant a tree within private areas and report the plantings on the City's website. The overall goal is to increase our urban forestry canopy and reap the benefits that trees provide. Some of the

benefits include; Increased property values; absorption of carbon dioxide; erosion deduction and storm water interceptors, as well as aesthetic appeal.

Bob also mentioned that if citizens want to plant a tree in the right of way, or a City Park to please contact the Engineering Department to make sure these trees are planted according to the City Tree Ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob mention that there would be a new tree committee member at the next meeting after their acceptance from Commission at their next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda Vetter, and seconded by Judy Terry

Next meeting will be Thursday May 2, 2013

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.