

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 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, and Jesse Dotson

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the April 4, 2013 meeting minutes and Brenda Vetter seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Bob Graeser mentioned that Jesse Dotson was the new member added to the committee. Mr. Dotson was not able to make the meeting due to having Citizens Academy on Thursday but will attend once the academy concludes.

TREE CITY USA

The City of Piqua was presented with its 18th year as a Tree City USA Community at the Village of Greenhills ceremony on April 19. Members of the Engineering Department attended the event to receive the award on the behalf of the City of Piqua.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Tree Committee held the annual Arbor Day celebration on April 29, where students from Nicklin Learning Center attended the event and were all given a tree to plant. Eric Davis, owner of Tree Care Inc., donated the trees for the students. Mr. Davis was also the speaker at the event.

HAZARD TREES AND ASH TREES

Bob reviewed with the committee all the hazard trees and Ash trees throughout the city. He also gave recommendations to the City Manager for removal of hazardous trees. Bob mentioned that he would be meeting with the City Manager, the City Engineer, and the Director of Finance to review the issues that the city is facing with the removal of these trees. Stacy Wall, the City Law Director will review the overall plan to offer direction to the group.

Bob will review the final disposition of the City on the tree removal at the next committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob mentioned to the group that the tree ordinance will be on the City of Piqua Commission agenda for the first reading of amendment of this ordinance. Bob encourage the tree committee members to attendance the meeting any of the three readings to promote the amendment.

Judy Terry mentioned that there were some dead trees in the boulevard on the north end of Nicklin Avenue. Bob stated he would review these trees and send out a report the follow day.

Judy also mentioned that perhaps the committee could meet on Clark Avenue to review the Ash trees in September when the greatest effects of the EAB can be viewed.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Terry, and seconded by Regina Favorite.

Next meeting will be Thursday August 1, 2013

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.