

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
WEDNESDAY , OCTOBER 16, 2013 – 3:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larkin Cornett, Brenda Vetter, Judy Terry, Steve Trostel, and Jesse Dotson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

SPECIAL GUEST: Diane Hart, and Karen McNeil

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Trostel moved to approve the June 6, 2013 meeting minutes and Jesse Dotson seconded the motion.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Bob Graeser took a moment to introduce Jesse Dotson to the members since he has not met all the active members.

**SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM**

Bob referred to the meeting packet that all the members were given at the beginning of the meeting which referred to Guidelines and Operations of Advisory Boards and Commissions adopted in 11-27-12.

Bob referred to section 2.2.3 that states that the Board Chair can request removal of a member with three unexcused absences if the Board meets monthly, and one unexcused absences if the Board meets quarterly within a 12 month span.

He stated that the committee needs to have only six meetings to qualify for the Tree City USA status, and currently they have only four of them complete. Bob said that the committee will take a look at perhaps changing dates and times so members will have a greater opportunity to attend.

**HAZARD TREE AND ASH TREE REMOVALS.**

Bob explained to the committee the new policy of tree removals regarding Hazard Tree/Ash Trees in the right of way.

The city will be removing Ash trees as well as designated Hazard trees in the right of way. Bob stated that he will do inventory twice a year to properly access all the trees in the right of way. Phase I of the removals occurred in September. He said the list for the Phase II removals for next year has been already been finished. He wanted the committee

to be able to field any questions that the community may be asking them.

The removals will not include any trees in the parks or on the bike path; these areas will be dealt with through and with the Public Works Department.

Bob showed the committee a list of removals that were done in September, and emphasized the importance of the removal of these trees.

### **TREE ORDINANCE**

All committee members were given a new copy of the Tree Ordinance that was adopted on July 16, 2013. Bob thanked the tree committee for their efforts and all that contributed to the completion of the document.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob mentioned that the City will attempt to qualify for the growth award for Tree City USA award. He said he would be working to see if the City has completed enough of the requirements to be eligible.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 29, 2013 at 3:00.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.