

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014 – 3:00 P.M.
FOUNTAIN PARK SHELTER (NORTH OF DINING HALL)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larkin Cornett, Brenda Vetter, and Judy Terry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

SPECIAL GUEST: Ryan Burch, Engineering Department Summer Intern

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the June 5, 2014 meeting minutes and Brenda Vetter seconded the motion.

HAZARD AND ASH TREE REMOVALS

Bob talked to the committee about the Hazard and Ash Trees scheduled for removal. The trees are inventoried twice a year and graded on their current condition at the time of inventory. Once a year, the city will request for bids to have these trees removed. Some of these trees are recognizable because they are in decline and are obvious that they are dying, others however may not appear to be dead, but are in a hazardous condition to cars and personal property in the right of way. Bob said that this work will go out for bid this month, to have the work performed no later than the end of August.

TREE OF HEAVEN IDENTIFICATION

Judy Terry suggested that we meet in Fountain Park, to identify the Tree of Heaven and to show the future eradication procedures for this evasive tree within our parks.

Bob showed the committee the “hack and squirt” method that is commonly used during the fall months. Bob also showed the committee a female Tree of Heaven, in which he mentioned that this is the tree that we want to identify for eradication in the fall because these are the plants that send out thousands of seeds annually and will help to reduce the advancement of this evasive species.

The committee spent some time indentifying other trees in the park and the bike path. Bob also showed the committee the work that the new summer employees from Upper Valley Career Center have done on the bank of the hydraulic canal.

They are removing all the Honeysuckle along this bank and spraying it with an approved vegetation killer, the exposed banks are a pleasant improvement, and the students have done a nice job.

ADJOURN

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

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 7th at 3:00 pm at the Municipal Government Complex.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.