

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 – 3:00 P.M.  
TRIANGLE MEETING ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larkin Cornett, Regina Favorite, Judy Terry, and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Vetter

SPECIAL GUEST: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Judy Terry moved to approve the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes as amended and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

**2015 TREE COMMITTEE PLAN**

Bob started the meeting by making some inquiries of the group; In general, what would they like to see from the Tree Committee in the year to come? And what is their purpose in it?

The committee members answered with varied responses from the need to continue to educate the city residents about arboriculture and how it affects their lives. More discussion was given to greater use of the local media to help promote our committees initiative.

Some members displayed an interest in participating in the Tree Commission Academy when it is closer to our region. The Tree Commission Academy is a class that basically is for a couple days which represents a year, freshmen through senior year, for a total of five to six days. The Academy outlines different educational topics, such as; Strategic Planning, Destructive Pests, and Budgeting, just to name a few. These classes will promise that attending members would return a greater sense of purpose, prepared to assist with their committee well into the future.

Bob thanked the committee for another good year of activity; over thirty dangerous trees were removed from the public right of way. Thirty nine Ash trees are being treated and are currently avoiding the EAB infestation on Clark Avenue. An additional twelve Ash trees have been removed from Echo Hills Golf Course by the Upper Valley Career Center, Environmental Occupations class. Four students from the Environmental Occupations class were hired during the summer to remove Honeysuckle along the hydraulic canal adjacent to Fountain Park.

A new program was started this year to spray herbicide to eliminate Honeysuckle within selected City parks that included Goodrich Giles Park, and Hollow Park. The work was performed by the Public Works Department.

**ADJOURN**

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.