

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, FEBURARY 5, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Terry, Brenda Vetter, and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes, as amended, and Diana Hart seconded the motion.

25A TREE REMOVALS

As part of the CR 25A Phase III reconstruction project there are three Municipal Power poles that needed to be moved on the north side of 25A, because of the new multi-use bike path. This in turn caused the wires to be in the existing trees to a greater degree. To resolve this condition, Piqua Municipal Power Systems (PMPS) was requested to remove all the associated trees on the north side of the road that were affected by these wires. PMPS and the Engineering Department have been working with the developer to replace the trees within this area of the removals.

Not as a part of the phase III project on the east side of Indian Trail Drive, PMPS is removing the trees on the front row which have grown up into the wires. The developer has been in contact with the City and we are working on an alternative planting that will provide a suitable screening under present conditions at an affordable price.

Educational videos

The tree committee members continued reviewing the educational videos to enhance their knowledge regarding general trimming and pruning of trees. Proper trimming methods included the three step trimming method, with this particular method it prevents unwanted damage to be done during the trimming process. Additional content information included how much of the tree should be trimmed according to the age of the tree, removing dead wood, as well as, thinning the canopy of the tree to reduce wind shearing.

The intent of this type of video is to educate our tree commission to promote better tree trimming advocacy in our community. When the tree commission is aware of improper tree trimming, they are more likely to help to enforce greater standard tree care, to promote better tree canopy within our community.

NEW BUSINESS

The trees in the parking behind the Readmore's Hallmark store are Crabapple Trees which have become an obstruction to walkers on the sidewalk. These trees will be reviewed and considered for removal.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.