

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Terry, Jim Vetter, Robert Asbury and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Judy Terry moved to approve the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes, and Diane Hart seconded the motion.

NEW MEMBERS

The committee welcomed new members Jim Vetter and Robert Asbury as the latest additions to the Tree Committee. As customary for the first time members the committee spent some time on introductions as well as experiences that brought them to be on the Tree Committee. Bob Graeser reviewed the current position of the Tree Committee, its annual requirements and expectations such as; Ash Tree/Hazard Tree Removals, treating and monitoring of Ash trees in the right of way, reviewing all large landscape projects that would involve trees and approve the species of trees. The City is required to celebrate Arbor Day as one of the requirements to be eligible for the Tree City USA award, as well as meeting at least six times a calendar year, and spending at least \$2.00 per capita annually.

Bob Graeser said that as the Urban Forester he conducts and regulates all the tree work within the city as well as administering the course of the committee.

ARBOR DAY EVENT 2015

Bob Graeser said that the City is doing their Arbor Day event with Edison Community College with the Early Childhood Development Class again this year. He also asked Pioneer Rural Electric to partner with them on this annual event. Pioneer is the only line clearing company in the region that is recognized and indorsed by Tree City USA; the City is pleased to have them join us in this event. In addition Tree Care Inc. is invited to provide the students with parting gifts as a keepsake for the day's events. Bob invited all the committee members and City officials to try and make the event, and promised that all attend a pleasant experience.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Vetter invited all the members to help clean Goodrich Giles Park on May 9th from 9:00-11:30, as a part of "The Big Day" event. Jim said that donuts would be provided by

Southview Neighborhood Association for all that want to help.

When reviewing the conditions of the committee within the Tree Committee manual in regards to frequency of meetings Judy Terry stated that she doesn't have a book. Bob said that he wanted to add to the list the Tree Ordinance with Exhibit A to be distributed at the May meeting.

Bob stated that the next order of business for next month's agenda will be voting for a new chairperson and a Vice chairperson, this seat has been vacant for sometime but now that all the seats have been filled this business needs to be addressed. Bob reviewed the primary responsibilities of the chair person and his/her roll on the committee.

On Monday March 30, the Upper Valley Career Center Environmental Occupations Class trimmed the trees on the corner of Greene Street and Wayne Street as a trimming project for the class. As with pruning of older street trees, the order in the process is to consider the dead limbs to be removed, as well as all the crossing limbs. Because these trees were poorly trimmed in the past, water sprouts were formed which were removed as well as the topped pruning cuts. In short this was a very useful project for both the UVCC and the City as a special project.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.