

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.
TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Diane Hart moved to approve the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes, and Judy Terry seconded the motion.

ARBOR DAY EVENT

This year's Arbor Day Event was a well-attended occasion with the event convening at the back of Edison Community College to plant a tree as a part of the ceremony.

The students of Edison's Early Childhood Development Class were in attendance much the same way that J. Sterling Morton wanted to include children over 145 years earlier.

The event was partnered with Pioneer Rural Electric, as well as Tree Care Inc. Both groups included gifts for the children as keepsakes for their attendance.

Judy Terry mentioned inviting the child development class from the Upper Valley Career Center to attend the event next year.

THE "BIG DAY" EVENT

Jim Vetter took a moment to invite all that wanted to participate in the city wide cleanup day, to Goodrich Giles Park to help clean the area along the river. He said others from the Southview Neighborhood Association would be getting there at about 10:00 A.M. after working in the Mote Park area. He said that they would have water there and asked anyone who was coming to bring their own tools.

TREE CITY USA

For the 20th year the City of Piqua has been recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, in the Division of Forestry as a Tree City USA Community.

Bob took some time explaining to the group the criteria that qualifies a community for this type of achievement. It is required that every year the City is to hold an Arbor Day event, which should include children to help them understand the importance of planting trees.

Additionally the City is to have an active tree committee that deals with the citywide

aspects that affects the community's urban forest. Probably the most important qualifying factor is to spend no less than \$2.00/ person from the latest consensus, on tree related activities.

CHAIRPERSON ELECTION

Bob expressed the need to have the election of officers for the Tree Committee. He opened the floor for nominations for the positions. Judy Terry nominated Diane Hart as Chairperson, the committee voted Diane Hart as the next Chairperson.

According to the Bylaws of the City, it is required that there also be a Vice Chairperson elected in the absence of the Chairperson. Jim Vetter nominated Rob Asbury as Vice Chairman; all was in favor of this nomination, it passed with as unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.