

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Asbury, Regina Favorite and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Terry and Jim Vetter

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Rob Asbury moved to approve the May 7, 2015 meeting minutes, and Diane Hart seconded the motion.

**HAZARD, ASH TREE REMOVALS**

Bob Graeser explained to the committee that the hazard tree removals have not been completed this year due to a full schedule of the company doing the work. Bob provided a 2015 tree removal list and the associated costs; this work is funded by the General Fund. Bob explained this work is done annually to reduce the risks presented by falling trees or falling tree limbs on citizens or parked cars. Bob also mentioned that these trees are within the right of way and are not the responsibility of the City. The trees are the property owner's responsibility.

**REPLACEMENT TREES ON ST. RT 36**

It was decided not to replace the trees that were removed, but however to take the funds and work on increasing the landscaping in the boulevards in this area. This work is still under review and Bob mentioned that the City was looking for some local landscaping companies that would be willing to modify this area with perennials that would work best for our region. Diane Hart mention that she would be interested in helping with the selection of different planting options.

**25A TREE REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

Piqua Municipal Power had to relocate electrical poles prior to the start of construction on the 25A Phase III reconstruction project. As a result of the poles being relocated, the electrical wires became entangled in the pine trees. The wires then became a safety hazard and had to be removed. Piqua Municipal Power also noticed the trees to the east of Indian Ridge were also in the wires, creating a hazard in their utility easement. In the interest of public safety, the trees on the south closest to the roadway were also removed.

The City will be replacing the trees in effort to restore the area as close to its original condition as possible. The trees selected will be maintained at the subdivision owner's expense to maintain proper line clearance in the future. Because this job originated from the federal funds of the reconstruction project, it is prohibited to remove any trees from April 1 to September 30, within the work limits, for the protection of the Indiana Bat. All

this work is to be performed by the middle of November 2015.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Regina Favorite, and seconded by Rob Asbury.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.