

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 – 3:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina Favorite

SPECIAL GUEST: Randi Simon-Sercey

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

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

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The committee discussed how to best utilize the Tree Planting Planning Program. One of the goals of the program is to be able to coordinate projects with the City's Public Works Department. The Public Works Department would be able to provide manpower and equipment to make the projects easier, quicker and would extend the programs \$8,000 budget.

Bob will begin communication with the Public Works Department in order to coordinate efforts. An additional goal of the program is to be able to bring on volunteers from the community to help with the program. The volunteers will hopefully be motivated to help with not only manpower but also with the power of asking for new trees. As always bringing in the community to take ownership of projects such as these, will always help them and understanding how important it is to help with various programs that we have here in the City.

Bob will be bringing in the 2016 Resurfacing Map and copies for the committee. Discussion and questions will be presented to better understand what the program is about.

The practice of only planting trees in owner occupied right of way spaces was brought up for discussion. All members agreed that this practice is working and shall remain in effect until further notice. Jim Vetter did suggest that a citizen can submit a letter to the Urban Forester to plant a tree in any location that is not owned by the citizen. The letter must not only be a request but also a maintenance commitment to the tree once planted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee member Terry spoke of her recent contact with Sterkle Coyne. Mr. Coyne asked about the status of the removal of some problem trees in his property. Bob stated that he has spoken with Mr. Coyne directly about the issue. Bob is working on the removal of the trees in Mr. Coyne's property.

Jim Vetter mentioned that first Saturday in May will be the City Clean Up day and invited everyone to help work on Mote Park and Goodrich Giles Park.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.