

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 – 3:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Terry, Jim Vetter, Diane Hart, and Randi Simon-Serey

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SPECIAL GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Judy Terry moved to approve the April 7, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections, and Jim Vetter seconded the motion and motion was approved with a vote of approval.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

2016 Arbor Day Celebration was held on the grounds of Edison Community College with the Early Child Care Class preschool students. The guest speaker was Eric Davis from Tree Care Inc. All of the students received a free tree and a coloring book from Tree Care Inc. and Pioneer Rural Electric, who partnered with the city, for the event. The Tree Committee, City Mayor and other City employees were also in attendance.

**HAZARD AND ASH TREE REMOVALS**

At the beginning of the meeting Bob passed out the new list for Ash and Hazard Tree Removals. He explained the City's position on these removals so the committee would be well informed about this annual procedure. Bob said that the list was put out to bid and the lowest bidder was Tree Care Inc. This work will be performed sometime in the month of June. All the property owners will be getting a letter that state that their tree(s) will be removed at the City's expense. If they would like to keep the wood, they must to contact Bob Graeser within a week of receiving the letter.

**TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**

Following last year's street resurfacing program, it was determined that there was not a satisfactory area left to have a mass planting zone. Judy presented a motion to look into other areas that would fulfill the need for more adequate planting zones. Suggestions were to re-evaluate last year's locations (from street resurfacing program) and this year's Hazard and Ash tree removal sites. This motion was seconded by Randi, and committee passed unanimously. Bob said that he would review some streets from last year and contact the committee and let them know so an Urban Site Index can be performed to make the selection on the trees that would be the most suitable for the site conditions.

## **TREE CITY USA**

This year is the 21<sup>st</sup> year that the City of Piqua has received the distinguishing award of Tree City. The event was held in West Carrolton this year and Bob Graeser received the award on behalf of the City.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob mentioned that last year it was stated that the trees on Caldwell have reached their effectiveness in the boulevard planting area. Bob said that he discussed with the Public Works Department about having them removed and re-planting new trees that would be a more effective street tree in the coming years. He asked the committee to review the area and bring recommendations for replacement trees in this area.

Jim Vetter mentioned that he would not be able to make the meetings during the summer months because of his work schedule; he works later in the week during the summer months. Judy Terry made a motion to move the June meeting to Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> so Jim could attend the meeting. Diane Hart seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Terry, and seconded by Randi Simon-Serey.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.