

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 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**

Randi Simon-Serey moved to approve the July 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Jim Vetter seconded the motion and motion was approved with a vote of approval.

**TREE PLANTING LOATIONS**

Bob asked the committee members to assess the conditions on Caldwell Boulevard and do some research on what would be the best tree options for replacement trees at this location. Diane Hart did some work on the location and thought that a good recommendation would be a Dogwood variety, such as Kousa, Pink, and White varieties. As another option would be the Star Magnolia, as a likely candidate for this tree planting location. Diane further explained that these trees would be a good choice because of the wires that are going to be staying in the boulevard, so a smaller canopy tree would be a better choice.

The information given at the meeting will be taken to our local growers and compare to what they have available. The goal is to have the trees removed, bid and ordered in September, with a planting date in late October. One of the options that will be looked into is to have the Upper Valley Career Center, Environmental Occupations class with Jim Metz, plant these trees.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob will be reviewing the conditions that exist regarding the street trees in the Downtown Area. There are growing issues with the growth that the trees have had. Many of the trees are continuing to grow beyond their planned height, and girth. The effect of this is shown in raising tree grates, and in the blocking of signage of the downtown merchants. There was some discussion on what would be a suitable replacement tree for this region that would be less of a restraint in the future and that would better selection for this area.

Judy Terry mentioned that there are still some trees that have stakes on them on Nicklin Avenue. These trees and locations will be looked into and make sure that they are resolved. Jim Vetter spoke about having the neighborhood committees do some work on maintaining the trees as an option. This option will be looked into and the findings will be given to the Tree Committee.

Judy Terry also mentioned that there are dead trees on Nicklin Avenue that still need to be removed and dead tree in Doss Park.

Next meeting date was determined to be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the Administration Conference Room.

**ADJOURN**

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.