

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes from the August meeting were not sent out prior to the meeting. Bob will have them sent out so they could be approved at the February meeting.

2017 ANNUAL PLAN

Bob outlined the events on the agenda for the year. Since the trees have been removed from the boulevard on Caldwell, we will take a look at the available selections which can be offered for this area. Bob has asked the Upper Valley Career Center, Environmental Occupations Class to assist with the boulevard planting. Bob will also reach out to residents who had a tree removed in the last Ash/Hazard Tree removal cycle to see if they would be interested in getting a tree.

The TCA sophomore class will be held on February 15th and 16th, at the Fort Piqua Plaza, three members will be attending, Chairperson Diane Hart, Commissioner Judy Terry, board member Randi Simon-Serey. The junior class will be held in the fall of 2017 and the senior year will be in the winter of 2018.

Further discussion was given to the Arbor Day celebration and where the annual event will be held, Jim Vetter said that he would be willing to approach some local education leaders, about a new venue for 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Vetter asked if it were viable to have the North Park Neighborhood Association take responsibility, or help with the maintenance of the trees on the Nicklin boulevard. He also said that there is a dead tree, in Das and Rowan Park. This has been brought up in other meetings and passed on to the Public Works Department.

Bob mentioned at a earlier meeting about looking into the need to make some necessary improvements to the downtown street trees. This work could include perhaps altering the tree grates, canopy raising with controlled pruning methods, and the research of possible replacement tree alternatives.

ADJOURN

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

The next meeting is February 2nd at 3:00 in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.