

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from March 2, 2017, Judy Terry seconded the motion.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

City of Piqua Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday April 28, 2017, at Springcreek Elementary.

TREES ON CALDWELL.

Diane Hart sent recommendations for the tree selections for Caldwell Street boulevard. The three species selected were Korean Dogwood, Star Magnolia, and Smoke tree. Bob suggested a substitute for the Smoke tree, as there could be a better selection based on the conditions that exist. The alternatives are an Ivory Silk Lilac or a Japanese Tree Lilac. When the growers were given the list, the Ivory Silk Lilac was available. Bob said he would get the trees ordered and have the holes pre-dug and compost added so the students could dig the holes to the proper depth on the day of the planting. The scheduled date for the planting is May 8th, at 9:00 am.

VACANT SPACES

Amy Havenar and Bob Graeser went to a roundtable event at Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; on how to improve vacant lot management through urban forestry. The premise is to reclaim the vacant lots that are owned by the city. This will include mass plantings of bare root trees that cost less, require less attention, and grow faster in a shorter period of time than ball and burlap trees. The end the result is to have wooded lots that are more enriching to the community than a grass lot.

This is something that the city is open to however; there are additional hurdles that need to be addressed before this can be an actual project in the upcoming future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Vetter spoke about the City Wide Cleanup that will be held May 6, 2017. Jim will be spearheading the cleanup at Mote Park and Goodrich Giles Park. Jim asked the committee members to join him in the effort to help in this annual city wide event.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jim Vetter, and seconded by Judy Terry.
The next meeting is May 4, 2017 at 3:00 in the Administration Conference Room.
Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.