

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 May 4, 2017, Randi Simon-Serey seconded the motion.

**CALDWELL TREE PLANTING**

The planting was held on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>, by the students of the Environmental Occupations Class from the Career Center. Jim Metz and Michaela Quinter led students in the planting of the twelve trees that were removed last fall in the Caldwell Boulevard. The holes were dug the same day as the planting by the Public Works Department; the whole project was completed by 10:30 Monday morning.

**Hazard, Ash Tree Removals**

Bob sent out a list of all the trees to be removed at are on the 2017 Hazard Tree, and Ash Tree Removal list.

He went on to explain, that the condition of many of the Right of Way trees are in poor condition and need to be removed, however the 2017 budget doesn't support this work to be done. Bob said that he would have a greater amount to be done in 2018, all of the Ash tree will have to be removed and there are numerous hazard trees that also need to be removed. Bob stated that the right of way trees are actually are the property owners responsibility to remove, however because the property owner hasn't removed the dead or hazardous tree, the City removes the tree to maintain safer conditions for those parking in the parking lane, or walking down the sidewalk. These trees are evaluated twice a year throughout the City.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Vetter mentioned the desire to clean Goodrich Giles Park, he said that others have been gracious in volunteering to keep Mote Park clean, however Goodrich Giles Park has some necessary work that needs to be completed. No firm date has been set as of yet.

Jim also commented that he was interested creating a new landscaping bed after the Commercial Street Bike Path Connector is completed. The intersection of Commercial Street and Roosevelt Avenue will be redone as a part of this project, creating a new green

space that can be enhanced with landscaping in the future. This is a project that can be developed after the completion of the Bike Path project.

Bob mentioned that he is working on the entrance and exit ramps from US Rt. 36, the trees are dying on the top portion southeast, and the northwest ramps. He has met with several landscape professionals for recommendations for replacement plantings for this fall.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Diane Hart, and seconded by Randi Simon-Serey. The next meeting is August 8, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.