

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO**  
**Tuesday August 8, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUEST: Sky Schelle

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from June 5, 2017 Judy Terry seconded the motion.

**HAZARD TREE LIST**

Bob spoke about the removals of the trees that will be coming out late this summer. He mentioned that he was somewhat pleased with the outcome of the trees after the storm that came through the city on July 7<sup>th</sup> that caused some trees fall within the City. The trees that fell were trees that were not on the Hazard List, which would mean that they are on private property not in the right of way. There were a few trees that were uprooted from the winds; there is no way of accurately identifying this unforeseen type of particular hazard.

Bob also stated that next year's tree removal budget will be substantially higher, because there are many trees that have moved closer to a higher probability of causing damage in the event of a wind or ice storm. Most of the larger caliper Ash trees have been removed, so the emphasis has switched to all the other varieties of trees within the right of way that show evidence and sign of different levels of rot and decay.

**GOODRICH GILES PARK CLEANUP**

Jim Vetter wants to clean Goodrich Giles park, mostly working around the Pear trees in the park that have water sprouts around the base of the trees. Jim said that he would like to do this work in the month of September; Bob said that he would certainly like to help and assist in this cleanup effort. Jim said that he will see if he can get some other volunteers to help clean this park, he said that he would report back to the committee on the details at the next meeting .

**75/36 RAMP MAINTENANCE**

Bob shared with the committee that changes that are proposed for the cat tail removals and the additional fecon, and bush hog maintenance done by ODOT District 7 maintenance group. Prior to this work being done, Bob had the Ivory Silk Lilac trees removed in the raised area above the wall at both ramps, because a majority of the trees were dead. This spring the Dogwood bushes that were near the perimeter failed to bud and grow, these were also removed.

Bob asked the committee about their preferred choice of replacement trees. Bob said that he will do a test dig the area to see if there could be a problem with the soil holding water thus causing the trees to essentially drown, prior to forming any bid documents, to ensure a proper evaluation of the soil conditions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim spoke about the desire to have new landscaping installed at the newly created intersection of Commercial/Garnsey/ and South Roosevelt. He said that he would apply for the funds in 2018. Bob said that this can be reviewed at the next meeting, to get an idea of what the Southview Neighborhood is proposing. The committee will make this a September meeting agenda item.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Terry, and seconded by Randi Simon-Serey. The next meeting is September 7, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.