

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Terry, Jim Vetter, and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randi Simon-Serey

GUEST: Steve Trostel

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from August 8, 2017 Diane Hart seconded the motion.

VACANT LOT, BARE ROOT PLANTING

Bob attended the ODNR Southwest Forestry Conference in September; one of the guest speakers spoke about turning vacant lots into small urban forests by planting bare root trees. Bob said that for the cost of a few dollars bare root trees can be purchased and small shelters with a tree stake, on a predetermined lot a residential lot into a mini urban forest. The trees would be patterned in a 10'x10' grid pattern so as to permit lawn mowing equipment to pass between the trees after they are planted.

This type of planting requires less water or overall attention, with small numbers in mortality at approximately 10-12% loss. The result would be trees that could be as much as ten feet tall in ten years, based on species. Bob has spoken to Gary and Chris about this adventure, and the both endorsed it.

BARE ROOT PLANTINGS

Bob also learned about the Village of Terrace Park. The Urban Forester for the village is buying bare root trees for about \$ 20.00-\$30.00 and planting them in pots in the spring and watering them through the year and planting them in October as a 9'-0" tree in the right of way. The trees that have been planted in the right of way have cost as much as \$225.00 per tree and taken four people to plant. For the cost of \$225.00, seven trees can be planted in smaller pots with some of the City's compost, which means the City could plant seven more trees with the same amount of money. This type of plan will require some help with daily watering of these trees, which can be done with the aid of tree committee members or perhaps student volunteers under the supervision of an adult or teacher.

GOLF COURSE TREE REMOVAL

Bob met with the golf course superintendent to review some more dead trees that are in the golf course. Bob also met with Jim Metz of the UVCC Environmental Occupations Class to remove the dead Ash Trees. This work will take place this late fall or in the winter of the 2017-2018 class.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jim Vetter, and seconded by Judy Terry. The next meeting is November 2, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.