

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO**  
**Thursday November 02, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUEST: Amy Havenar, City Engineer, Sky Schelle Storm Water Coordinator, and Casey Burdick of Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from October 5, 2017, and Randi Simon Serey seconded the motion.

**VACANT LOT TREE FORESTATION PRESENTATION**

Casey Burdick of Ohio Department of Natural Resources presented a new initiative that promotes reforestation of vacant lots that have been vacated due to structure demolition within the area neighborhoods. Casey talked about the type of trees best suited for this type of planting and what the basic guidelines to ensure the best success rate, and increased results for mini projects within the City.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Bob mention that he has requested test holes to be dug at the top of the entrance/exit ramps at the location of the where the Ivory Silk Lilac trees were removed last year. The hope is to determine the conditions of the soil or how well the water may or may not be permeating causing the trees have wet roots or oversaturation thus causing an early mortality.

Jim mentioned the situation with the downtown trees or street trees. Bob said that I would discuss this with the City Manager and Lorna to see what the temperature of doing any work on this for the 2018 calendar year.

He also mention that he would work on working temporary modifications that maintain safety standards within pedestrian areas where tree grates are causing trip conditions.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jim Vetter, and seconded by Judy Terry. The next meeting is December 7, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.