

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
MAY 1, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.  
FORT PIQUA PLAZA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Vetter, Diane Hart, Steve Trostel, Kris Lee, and Randi Simon-Serey.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from April 2018 meeting Steve Trostel seconded the motion.

**ARBOR DAY**

The event went very well. It was celebrated at Springcreek Primary with the third grade class. Mayor Kazy Kinds was in attendance, with HR Director Catherine Bogan assisting, to read the proclamation. Eric Davis of Tree Care Inc. spoke to the children about the need for everyone to plant trees and to be active in sustaining tree growth within the City of Piqua. Tree Care provided trees for all the attending students that they could take home and plant.

**TREE CITY USA AWARD**

The City of Piqua received its 23<sup>rd</sup> award for Tree City. The event was held in Miamisburg this year. There are four standards that make up the general criteria for being a Tree City community. The First Standard is to have a department or board that is responsible to work as the administrator, and or an advisory board. The second is to have an active tree ordinance, that shows how trees are to be maintained, and regulates best practices within the City. The third standard is to validate \$2.00 per capita annual spending for trees per year. And the fourth and final standard is the observance of Arbor Day. Bob said that he will see if we can use some of the new programs to qualify for a Growth Award, which is a higher designation of Tree City USA Award.

**TRANSPLANT TREES**

Bob worked with Scott Bloom, the Curriculum Director with the Piqua City Schools and the students of the Upper Valley Career Center, Environmental Occupations class to help transplant trees on the rear of the Nicklin planting area. The planting area is located at the former Nicklin Learning Center. Eight trees were transplanted by the students and the event was overall success. The Oak trees are now in bloom, and coming along slowly.

Jim mentioned the Goodrich Giles Park as a future project. He asked if they could see where the new bridge would be proposed. Bob said that he would make sure this gets added to the

next agenda.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Diane Hart, and seconded by Jim Vetter. The next meeting is June 5, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.