

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
TUESDAY JANUARY 8, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Vetter, Steve Trostel, and Randi Simon-Serey.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee, Diane Hart

GUEST: Mary Tolman

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from October 2018 meeting. Randi Simon-Serey seconded the motion.

**PIQUA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT**

Bob reported that Sky Schelle is helping him with a grant to the Piqua Community Foundation for a tree initiative that helps to promote free trees to citizens on their private property. Citizens can log in through the Arbor Day Foundation and submit a request for a free tree from a tree list that is provided by the City. The property owner can show where they would like to place the tree selection of their choice. The program makes calculations on energy loss or savings based on their placement selection. The program also prevents the trees from being planted in the right of way, if directed by the city. The City hopes to be able to increase our annual tree plantings by more than one hundred and ten trees. For more information on the Community Canopy project see their website.

<https://www.arborday.org/programs/community-canopy/>

**BARE ROOT TREES**

Bob also reported that he was working to do some bare root plantings this year. He wants to purchase them, pot them and put them in the compost facility until we are ready to plant them this fall. The trees will be planted with in the right of way. Sky Schelle and Bob are working on a list of local growers that can provide stable trees that are close to matching the ideal size of trees in our right of way.

**TREE REMOVALS**

Bob mentioned some of the annual tree removals for this year will include the trees at the Canal Place parking lot. These are Pear trees that have outgrown their space and are causing problems for the owner/operators that use this area for parking. Bob asked the committee to take look at this area and bring some suggestions for replacement trees. This work will be

performed when our hazard tree removals will be done this year. The Ash trees on Clark Avenue are still looking good and have been treated for some time. Bob said that he would be speaking to his ISA Certified Arborist regarding the continuation of the treating of these trees.

### **OTHER INFORMATION.**

The committee mentioned where we would be having the Arbor Day Event this year, Bob said that he would be getting with Dwayne Thompson to see what would be his recommendation. The committee agreed that the young students are preferred. The committee spoke about a committee Christmas tree program. This will require some additional organization within the next year.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Randi Simon-Serey, and Steve Trostel seconded the motion.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.