

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee

GUEST: Mary Tolman

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Jim Vetter motioned to accept the minutes from the January 2019 meeting. Steve Trostel seconded the motion.

CANAL PLACE TREE SELECTION

The six trees currently planted will be removed this spring and the selected trees should be planted in the fall. The selected trees should be shorter or slow growing due to the power lines above the area.

Steve Trostel suggested planting Linden trees.

Steve also suggested a Serviceberry tree variety called Princess Diana. It is a single stem dwarf variety with spring flowers and fall foliage. It is recommended as a street tree in Ohio.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

The property owner would purchase a live Christmas tree through the city. After Christmas the city would plant the tree in the city parks, open spaces or the school's Land Lab.

The city would like to use a local distributor for the program. Bob is concerned about having too many trees to plant but Steve Trostel said that Springhill only had 20-25 trees to plant when they helped with a similar program. Most people who buy live trees prefer to plant the trees themselves.

Bob will continue to work on the program; finding suppliers and figuring out where to plant the tree after Christmas. Steve said Chaney's has nice 3'-4' trees.

BARE ROOTS

Bob has found a supplier out west that has a great selection but charges \$1500.00 for shipping. Bob will contact the local sales rep for the company to look into the possibility of combining the city's order with another customer in the area to share the shipping cost.

Steve Trostel will help Bob find a bare root supplier that can deliver street trees that are 4'-5'. Steve told Bob about Stark Brothers in Mississippi, and Willoway Nursery in Cleveland.

OTHER INFORMATION

Randi Simon-Serey and Steve Trostel are working to getting new members for the Tree Committee. Bob asked members to call him if they can't make it to the meeting. Bob can then cancel the meeting due to lack of quorum.

Jim Veters stated the date of Piqua's clean-up day will be either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in May. It will probably be the same day they do Downtown Piqua.

Steve Trostel will send Bob the link to a DP&L Tree City USA grant. The grant is worth \$50,000.

This was Jim Veters' last Tree Committee meeting. Bob thanked him for his efforts for the committee.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.