

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.  
FORT PIQUA PLAZA, FOURTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Trostel, Mary Tolman, and Randi Simon-Serey.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee

GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Trostel motioned to accept the minutes from the October 2019 meeting. Mary Tolman seconded the motion.

**2020 PLANNING**

The Committee decided to change the monthly meeting day from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. This was done to accommodate the Committee members' schedules.

The 2020 Arbor Day Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Piqua Catholic School.

This year's Tree City USA Awards will be hosted by Sidney on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Piqua is up for its second Growth Award in 2 years. The Committee members wish to attend the awards banquet.

Steve suggested the City provide the Tree Committee members shirts that say "City of Piqua Tree Committee Member" or similar printing. Bob said he would check to see if there was any money in the budget for shirts.

Bob shared the planting locations for the 2020 Bare Root Tree Program. The trees will be planted along High Street. The city will be responsible for the care and watering of this year's trees because the trees will be planted in a commercial area. Bob will order 40 trees consisting of 3-4 different types.

The list for the Hazard and Ash Tree removals has decreased this year.

Bob explained that the trees that were removed from the canal between Park Avenue and High Street cannot be replaced because the Ohio Department of Natural Resources determined that the trees are a hazard to the canal levy.

Kyrsten French, City Planner, is making plans to plant trees in the greenspaces of Goodrich Giles Park, French Park, upper and lower Mote Park. This would turn these open areas into tree parks for people to enjoy. Steve said Home Depot used to offer a grant to help pay for tree replanting. He said that the city may want to check if such a grant still exists.

Steve wanted to know if the city had a Strategic Plan to replant trees if a natural disaster occurs. Bob said that Kyrsten's plan for the parks was close to being a replanting plan like Steve talked about.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **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.