

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
MONDAY MARCH 3, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Randi Simon-Serey motioned to accept the minutes from the February 2020 meeting. Mary Tolman seconded the motion.

HAZARD/ASH TREES

Bob has the removal list ready for Tree Care. This year's list is about \$10,000. The Catalpa at the corner of Broadway and Park Avenue keeps getting hit by trucks and is on this year's list.

There are no Ash Trees currently on the removal list. The 39 Ash Trees along Clark Avenue are being treated against the Emerald Ash Borer. Bob stated that this is the only Ash Tree lined street in the region thanks to the efforts of past members of the Tree Committee that were committed to investing in their treatment.

2020 BARE ROOT TREES

As part of the 2020 Bare Root Tree Program 40 trees will be planted along High Street from Sunset Drive to Lambert Drive. Bob is waiting on pricing and availability of trees before he makes a final decision on what trees will be ordered.

TREE CITY USA AWARDS PROGRAM

Steve asked about shirts for the Tree Committee members. Bob said there wasn't money available in the budget for shirts. Kris said he would get shirts for the Committee members.

OTHER INFORMATION

Kris Lee has received complaints about the mess the birds are making under the trees downtown.

Bob reported that he has heard about getting pricing on the removing of the trees that include careful attention to the removal of the roots around the underground electric in the public right of way. Attention to street trees selection is important and also the future placement of

the trees in regards to future design to our downtown district that includes traffic calming and complete streets.

Bob said that the City is aware of this problem, however it is a process that starts with researching costs before a plan is made for any removal.

Bob suggested that it may be the best option is to just clean the sidewalk under the trees until this work can be scheduled into the budget.

Bob will check with Debbie to see why the openings on the Tree Committee are not being advertised on the website.

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.