

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO**  
**Monday September 28, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: April Dankworth, and Kris Lee

GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Randi Simon-Serey motioned to accept the minutes from the June 2020 meeting. Steve Trostel seconded the motion.

**2020 DOWNTOWN TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

A consultant estimated the cost for this project would be \$336,000.00. The project would include removing the current trees, redoing the tree grates and pavers and installing the new trees. The tree replacement will probably be done in phases.

The average lifespan of a street tree is 8 years and some of the trees in the downtown area are 20 years old.

Bob will request money in next year's budget to start this project.

**MASTER GARDENERS' ZOOM PRESENTATION**

Bob gave a Zoom presentation about urban forestry to the Master Gardeners on September 4, 2020. There is a link to the presentation on the Master Gardeners Facebook page.

The Bob went over the canopy density section of the presentation that compares Piqua with Carrboro, North Carolina. Both cities have the same population and land mass, but Carrboro has a canopy density of 61% and Piqua has a density of 26%. Bob would like the canopy density of Piqua to be 40%.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

The City of Piqua may not qualify for Tree City USA this year because it didn't meet the requirement of spending \$2.00 per capita on trees. The City halted all Capital Expenditures in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Bob will be in contact with the Urban Forester to see if there are any modifications in the requirements this year.

Bob hopes to be able to do some larger plantings, replace trees on Nicklin Avenue, and plant

more trees than are removed in 2021.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Trostel, and Mary Tolman seconded the motion.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.