

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.  
FOUNTAIN PARK – SOUTH SHELTER**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee, and April Dankworth

GUEST: Tom Hudson

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Steve Trostel motioned to accept the minutes from the February 2021 meeting. Randi Simon-Serey seconded the motion.

**STREET TREES PROJECT- PHASE 1**

Bob stated that they new City Manager, Paul Oberdorfer, would like to look at all the Capital Improvement Projects before moving forward on this project. The Street Trees Project may be incorporated into a comprehensive downtown plan that includes the trees, and traffic control.

A survey was sent to the downtown merchants so their opinions and needs can be considered in any changes made to the downtown area.

Tom Hudson asked for something to be done about the trees in front of Susie's Big Dipper and in front of Barclay's. Birds are attracted to those trees and are leaving bird litter on the sidewalk. Bob said he would look into the issue.

**BARE ROOT TREE PROJECT**

Bob said 80 bare root trees have been ordered and should be delivered soon. He explained that the trees will be planted on High Street, in French Park and at the south bound exit ramp of I-75.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT NEED TO REAPPLY IN 2021**

Bob will send April Dankworth an email so she can reapply for the Tree Committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob stated that there will not be a Tree City USA Awards Banquet this year. The awards will be sent the cities that were awarded.

The Arbor Day Celebration will be a simplified version of previous years' celebrations. A tree will be planted and the Proclamation will be read.

Tom reported a tree in the field behind Allisten Manor's Flower Box is broken about 15 feet above the ground. Bob will look at the tree.

Tom reported a dead tree in the right-of-way on North Street, between Wayne Street and Downing Street.

Steve asked about the 2021 Hazardous Tree Removal Program. Bob said the 2021 tree list will be the trees that the City was unable to remove in 2020.

Bob will look into treating the Ash Trees on Clark Avenue. The City was unable to treat the trees for the Emerald Ash Borer in 2020.

Randi mentioned the infestation of the Spotted Lanternfly in Pennsylvania. She said egg case spotters are needed to track the spread. Bob said that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) treats invasive insects in a proactive way since the EAB infestation. They take measures to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Tom asked about the procedure for a resident to plant a tree in the right-of-way. Bob explained that Exhibit A of the Tree Ordinance states the restrictions for planting in the right-of-way. There is also a list of permitted street trees.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.