

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
FOUNTAIN PARK – SOUTH SHELTER**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Tolman, Randi Simon-Serey, April Dankworth and Matthew Bolin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee, and Steve Trostel

GUEST:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Mary Tolman motioned to accept the minutes from the April 2021 meeting. Randi Simon-Serey seconded the motion.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION RECAP

Three trees were planted during the Arbor Day Celebration. Mayor Kris Lee read the Proclamation. Children were not invited this year because the Covid-19 restrictions.

BARE ROOT TREE PLANTING ON HIGH STREET

Bob said 95 bare root trees were planted this year. The trees were planted on High Street, and in French Park. The trees' average cost was about \$40 each.

HAZARD TREE REMOVALS

Thirteen hazard trees will be removed this year. Most of the trees on the list are from last year when the City was unable to remove any trees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob will email a copy of Stage I of the comprehensive downtown plan to the Committee members. The preliminary plan includes twice as many trees than are downtown right now along with other traffic calming devices. It will take many years for any

comprehensive downtown plan to get to the construction phase.

Some of the trees currently downtown are lifting the grates around them and causing trip hazards. Some of the trees are attracting birds and causing bird litter on the pavement. These problems should be taken care of before the comprehensive plan's construction.

The Committee discussed the removal of the trees on the levy. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources wants the trees removed because the trees can cause holes in the levy.

Bob introduced April Dankworth and Matthew Bolin and welcomed them to their first in-person Tree Committee Meeting. April has attended Zoom meetings during the past year, but this was the first meeting she was able to attend in person.

Special thanks to Kris Lee for ordering and purchasing shirts for the Tree Committee members. Bob handed shirts out to the members who were present.

ADJOURN

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

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.