

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Tolman, Steve Trostel, and Matthew Bolin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Lee, April Dankworth, and Randi Simon-Serey

GUEST: Kyrsten French

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

MEETING MINUTES

Steve Trostel motioned to accept the minutes from the June 2021 meeting. Mary Tolman seconded the motion.

HAZARD TREE REMOVALS

Bob Graeser explained that the City will remove trees that are in the Right-of-Way only if the tree is considered hazardous to other property. Otherwise, it is the homeowner's responsibility to take care of the trimming, maintenance and removal of the trees.

Steve said the resident at 1062 Boone Street was wondering who was responsible for removing his tree in the tree lawn. Bob said he will go look at the tree to see if it falls into the hazardous tree category.

MAIN STREET CORRIDOR UPGRADES

Kyrsten French gave a presentation on the Main Street Corridor Upgrades. The project is still just in the planning/design phase. She discussed downtown parking, and downtown truck traffic. She also stated that changing the type of trees and the number of trees in each block will help with the current bird litter problem.

She showed renderings of the High Street, Market Street and Main Street area. This is still in the preplanning phase of a project. The renderings show possibilities and not actual plans.

She updated the Committee on downtown development that is anticipated in the near future.

- The next phase of the Lock 9 project should start in the fall.
- Applications will be submitted for a microbrewery to move into the Piqua Granite building at the corner of Main and Water.
- Applications will be submitted for townhomes at Spring and Water Streets.
- Winan's has purchased the building across High Street from their location to use as a roastery and training center for their stores.
- A realtor's office and a smoothie shop are planned for the southeast quad.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve said a resident on Greene Street was interested in another street tree if any are available. Steve gave Bob the contact information and Bob will put him on a tree request list.

Bob announced that the City may apply for a grant to plant more trees.

ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Trostel, and Matthew Bolin seconded the motion.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.