

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – TRIANGLE CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Randles, Melissa Reed, Don Ruffner, and Jean Franz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Terry and Regina Favorite

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Don Ruffner moved to approve the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Jean Franz seconded the motion.

**ITEM NO 1. FALL TREE PLANTING**

The fall tree planting was held on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Several holes had to be dug by hand and one of the trees had to be transplanted to a different site. Overall, the planting was a success. Seventeen trees were planted and moved by a total of fifteen volunteers, most of the volunteers were from Grace United Methodist and the Rotary Club of Piqua.

**ITEM NO 2. TREE ACADEMY**

Bob Graeser and Melissa Reed discussed the tree academy that they are currently attending. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources puts on the Academy for the benefit of Municipal Tree Commissions. One of the things discussed by Bob and Melissa is that, while planting trees is important, so is maintenance and upkeep of the trees already planted. Removal of hazard trees is also extremely important.

**ITEM NO 3. EMERALD ASH BORER**

The City of Piqua should be able to apply for the emerald ash borer state grant this month. This grant that provides a 50/50 match on funds related to the removal of ash trees and the replanting of other types of trees. The tree committee is going to start focusing on the emerald ash borer and formulating a plan for removal of ash trees from the city right-of-ways and other public spaces as well as replanting. The plan will also cover specific types of trees appropriate for city tree lawns, as well as providing for the watering of said trees. There will have to be approx. 180 trees removed and replaced. Bob Graeser mentioned that he is going to start looking into the legal issues related to removing the ash trees and hazard trees from city right-of-ways.

**ITEM NO. 4 MISCELLANEOUS**

Bob Graeser is going to recommend that the lightning-struck tree near the 17<sup>th</sup> hole on the golf course be taken out.

There is a crabapple tree at Mote park that is in bad shape according to Jean Franz.

Melissa Randles mentioned that there is a tree with a dead limb at Rowan Park.

Melissa Reed requested that Bob Graeser report on the remaining tree fund next meeting and also requested that Bob look into the possibility of starting another public tree fund.

**END OF MEETING**

Next Meeting will be held December 2nd at 6:30 in the Triangle Conference Room  
Melissa Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don Ruffner seconded the motion.

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**Melissa Randles, Chairperson**

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bob Graeser**  
**Staff Secretary**