

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX – Administration Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Ruffner, Jean Frantz, Melissa Reed, Judy Terry and,  
Larkin Cornett

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser, and Gary Huff

**MEETING MINUTES**

Don Ruffner moved to approve the November meeting minutes as corrected and Judy Terry seconded the motion.

**ITEM No.1 ORDINANCE**

The meeting began with quick review of Chapter 96 which is the City of Piqua Tree Ordinance. The committee didn't have any further changes to make, however Bob stated previously that all changes must be approved by the Law Director before it can be amended. He said that he would make sure that these are reviewed by the Director before the next meeting.

**ITEM No. 2 MEMORIAL TREE FOR VIRGINA VETTER.**

Bob Graeser stated that both of the memorial trees were planted in Fountain Park for Virginia Vetter and for Paul Jackson. Both trees are to get a memorial plaques at each location, the Parks Department will be making sure that they are made and installed before the end of the year.

**ITEM No. 3 GARBRY ROAD TREES**

Bob Graeser contacted the Electrical Distribution department within the city and found out that the trees that were trimmed were by DP& L on Garbry Road. He said he would do some further inquiries about the disposition for all the trees that were trimmed unnecessarily on a case by case basis. He said he would check with DP&L to find out why this work was done and what level of responsibility they will take for damaging the trees.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Bob Graeser took some time to mention that he just completed the application for Tree City USA for 2011. Bob stated that in the years to come this will pose a greater challenge because of ever shrinking budgets. The qualifications to achieve Tree City USA status is to spend \$ 2 per capita, this would be over \$ 40,000/ year on tree related activities. Bob added that this will require greater creativity, or may be difficult to achieve at all.

**OTHER BUSINESS – cont’d**

Before the end of the meeting Bob took some time and showed a slide presentation of the latest tree planting on Nicklin Avenue. This was the planting that was a collaborative effort that was done with Upper Valley Career Center’s Environmental Occupations Class. The students were given a new safety vests thorough a generous gift from AM Leonard, these vests can be used when the class assistances the City in future projects.

Before the meeting was adjured Melissa Reed said that she will be leaving the area, she said that she will be here for two more meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson Melissa Reed.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be January 5th 2012, in the Triangle Conference Room at 6:30 in the Municipal Government Complex.

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**Chairperson**

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

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