

Village of Perry Tree Board  
Minutes  
March 14, 2018

Present: Dan Zerbe, Lori Schofield, Robin Redding, Andrew Lowery, Felisa McKay, Levi Hauser, Eleanor Jacobs

Chairman Zerbe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

On a motion by Robin Redding, seconded by Felisa McKay, the February 7, 2018, minutes were approved with one correction: *Mr. Church on Spring St. asked DPW to remove a tree close to his driveway. Tree Board protocol was not followed, nor was the Tree Board consulted, prior to DPW removing the tree.*

After discussion of Mr. Church's tree removal, the board agreed to have Village Administrator Matt Jensen meet with Mr. Church, give him a tree planting preference form and discuss a location for replanting.

Poster contest discussion: Lori, Eleanor, Felisa and Matt will participate in the 5th grade assembly on March 19 to recognize the 13 students who created Perry's Tree-rific Trees posters. The group discussed where to display the posters after the assembly. (The posters are currently displayed at the school. Arrangements need to be made to remove them and display them elsewhere. The group suggested the windows of the Roach building.)

Dan will arrange to get input from the top four students on trees they would like planted. (He sent a letter and form home with the four students to get their suggestions.)

Dan will attend the urban forestry event in Albany on March 29 where Perry will be recognized for receiving a Tree City USA designation.

The board began planning an Arbor Day event on April 27 to meet its obligation to hold an event to commemorate being named a Tree City USA. Andrew suggested the board plant 5 - 10 trees on that day. Dan said we should aim for 10 and request that DPW plant an additional 10 within the week.

Felisa asked if there are places at Memorial Park to plant trees. Dan proposed Water St. at Gardeau.

To assist with planting, the Tree Board will flag the locations. Once the locations have been flagged, DPW will call in for utility flagging.

Dan posed a question about the tree ordering process. He wants to order 40 trees this spring and emphasize to DPW that it should make every effort to get them planted. "I don't want to send the message that it's OK to not plant. It's our job to ensure trees are planted," he said.

Felisa agreed to contact the Orbans (corner of Federal & Lake) to arrange removal of the two trees.

Andrew will do another count of the trees in storage to determine how many are available to plant.

The group began discussing the streets each member was assigned to evaluate and make suggestions on tree varieties to plant:

Felisa assessed Main Terrace and Mill. There might be a possibility to plant Rose of Sharon on Main Terrace where there isn't much space. They could be trimmed as trees, though Andrew cautioned against planting anything that requires high maintenance and in locations that might be impacted by snow plowing. There is little opportunity for planting on Mill St. Felisa suggested planters at the empty lot on the corner of Mill and Main or perhaps a vine on the concrete wall. For the next meeting, Felisa will recommend the type of trees for her locations.

I think it was Levi who evaluated N. Center Street and Traverse Place. There is an opportunity for seven trees on N. Center. No opportunity on Traverse Place.

Andrew evaluated Walnut St. and found four locations for planting.

Robin evaluated the north side of Camp Rd. It is wide open.

Prior to the next meeting members should email Dan their street evaluations that include the number of tree planting opportunities and varieties.

Next meeting: **Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Jacobs