

**Village of Perry Tree Board  
Minutes  
September 12, 2018**

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

Present: Dan Zerbe, Lori Schofield, Lauren Shearing, Robin Redding, Felisa McKay, Levi Hauser, Ralph Field, DPW superintendent Eric Kelly, village administrator Matt Jensen and son Brigham, Eleanor Jacobs.

New board member Lauren Shearing introduced herself as did Eric Kelly, the new DPW superintendent.

Dan pointed out that September is the beginning of the tree year. This is the time to plan plantings and the school project. The goal is to plant 40 trees a year — one-third in November, two-thirds in spring.

There are two upcoming planting deadlines: The end of October for trees in storage and November for bare root trees that will be ordered this fall.

The board established two subcommittees:

1. School project/poetry contest. Members are James (chair), Robin, Lauren, Lori, Felisa, Levi. The subcommittee is charged with determining the PoeTREE contest rules, perimeters, educational goals, participants and recognition of participants.

2. Tree ordering & planting. Members are Dan (chair), Ralph, Eleanor. The subcommittee will work with Eric to schedule ordering, site marking and planting. The tree committee can assist DPW by marking locations for trees to be planted in October and November, though DPW will call in utility. Dan will check with Schichtel Nursery to determine when bare root trees can be ordered and either picked up or delivered.

The group discussed plaques for trees. No decisions made.

Eleanor will follow up on submitting the Tree City USA application. Tree City USA signs have been installed at a couple village entrance. Thanks to DPW.

The tree gators (water bags) ordered by the village will be used in the spring on trees planted, possibly on property where homeowners are absent or neglectful.

DPW has trimmed and removed trees. Eric gave tree order forms to residents at 20 Andrus and 6 Prospect. That homeowner has asked for a tree to be replanted. It also removed a dead tree at 47 Covington; homeowner has requested a tree.

As part of a review of the tree removal and planting list, Eric proposed removing both trees at 113 S. Main; the committee concurs. The dead tree at 22 N. Main will be removed this winter. Trees will be replanted at both locations in spring.

Janice Howlett, Short St., has withdrawn her request for a tree. Under consideration.

Next meetings:

Friday, September 28, 1:30 p.m.: tree ordering/planting subcommittee

Wednesday, October 17, 6 p.m.: PoeTREE contest subcommittee

Wednesday, December 12, 7 p.m.: Tree board quarterly meeting

*Additional note:*

*Perry Rotary received a \$1,750 district grant for trees. The club's grant committee is requesting \$1,000 from the club to add to the district grant. With \$2,750 the committee hopes to buy 20+ trees to be planted in the village. Proposed location is on Rt 246 at the village edge. Members of the Rotary committee will meet with the tree subcommittee to flesh out details.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Jacobs