

Village of Perry Tree Board
Minutes
March 13, 2019

Chairman Zerbe called the meeting to order at 6:59.

Present: Dan Zerbe, Eric Kelly, Lori Schofield, James Reynolds, Robin Redding, Felisa McKay, Eleanor Jacobs.

Perry's Tree City USA designation was renewed.

Review of spring planting:

- Rotary plantings will be done at Henrickson property on Main St., \$ General at Federal & Standpipe and Pioneer Grounds.
- Olive & Ink tree will be bought locally.
- Garden Club at Hope Cemetery. (A reminder that in the fall the two trees in that location should be protected to prevent snow damage.)

Tree board members will make locations at its **Saturday, April 6**, subcommittee meetings. **9:30 @ the Village Hall.**

- DPW will plant additional trees.

Budget discussion.

Opinions differ on the use of the \$5,000 allocated for the Tree Board in the village budget. Is the money solely for trees or does some of it go to purchase materials such as stakes, wire, mulch, etc.?

(The Tree Board Master Plan states: The Village Board will provide the Tree Board an annual tree budget (currently \$5,000 of the \$10,000 tree budget, ...) to allocate between the planting projects listed below, using time and cost estimates from the DPW for the number of new trees that can be planted and replaced per year. An initial expectation is to plant approximately 40 new trees per year. A small portion may be allocated for incidental costs such as printing, Arbor Day activities, publicity and outreach.)

Arbor Day:

To be held **Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 10 a.m.** Location: Hope Cemetery. James will be the MC. As part of this he may read some of the poems from the PoETREE contest.

Plantings: 2 @ the Pioneer Grounds, 3 @ \$ General, 2 @ Henrickson property (those last two locations will need to be dug by hand since they are private property), 2 @ Hope Cemetery for the Garden Club. Optional locations

are two trees on Andrus St. and two at Orban on Lake St. (unless magnolias are used as part of the PoeTREE contest plantings at the school.)

Invitations: Mayor, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Garden Club, Rotary, press.

Others?

James will prepare publicity for the day.

DPW will arrange to have soil, mulch and other necessary materials. It's yet to be determined if a village employee will be available to assist with the plantings.

Tree Watering

The village budget includes additional money to pay for a summer seasonal employee to water trees, as well as flowers on Main St. Eric is exploring large water tanks and a pump to outfit a village pickup for watering.

PoeTREE contest

James read the winning poems. Ms. Coogan's K class was named the grand winner.

Much discussion on how the board & village recognize the winners. Options range from a simple certificate given to first place and honorable mention winners for each grade category (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), donating three trees to the school in honor of first place winners, creating a book of the poems. How many books should be printed — one each for the public and school libraries, one for each classroom that participated, one for each winner and runner-up. James will determine the cost before the board decides on the number of books.

James will prepare a press release about the contest and winners.

Final decisions: Instead of having students select tree varieties as was done for the poster contest, the tree board will donate the 2 magnolias and one other tree, all of which are in storage, for school planting.

James suggested asking the school to pick three or four locations where trees could be planted and have the winning students pick the location where they would like trees planted.

Eleanor will contact the school about planting locations and if the students can be recognized at Citizenship Day.

Memorial Tree designation

The Garden Club's donation does not cover the cost of a bronze memorial plaque for the tree purchased in honor of Renate Woitscheck.

The board is getting costs from Tackbary Trophies for a wood medallion with text that could be hung on the Garden Club memorial tree.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019. 7 p.m.