

Village of Perry Tree Board

Minutes

July 11, 2017

Present: Andrew Lowery, Levi Hauser, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Steve Townes, Dan Zerbe

Board took action on the following:

- Dan Zerbe was named Tree Board chairperson; Eleanor Jacobs continues as secretary.
- Levi Hauser was classified as a “seedling member” on a motion by Schofield, seconded by McKay.

The Board discussed the following:

- Village nursery: It’s necessary to establish a nursery where there can be vigilant care and maintenance of trees purchased for planting in the village. Currently trees are stored at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and this might be the best location if a procedure is established for their care. A protocol will be established to label trees ordered as replacements. The labels need to include type of tree, planting location and year it’s delivered. **Action:** Andrew will follow up with Renee to ensure trees requested this year are labeled.

In an attempt to lessen the number of trees purchased and not planted, but stored at the WWTP, the board adopted the following policy: If a tree is not planted within 2 years of its being ordered and delivered to the village, it will be planted at an appropriate village location, such as the parks. Motion by McKay; seconded by Townes.

Action: Lori will prepare a “care and feeding how-to” sheet to give to residents who have trees planted on their terraces. These will be handed out when trees are planted.

- The Strollo family’s request to have trees removed. Based on the information available —Ed Koziel had assessed the trees in question and determined they were not compromised — the board took no action. A fear that a tree or its limbs may fall down isn’t reason for removing one, the board concluded. (Mrs. Strollo attended the July 17 board meeting and requested again that two trees be removed from the terrace on their property. Action still needs to be taken on this.)
- Orban tree request. **Action:** The bottom of the tree request form will be filled out and sent to Mr. Orban. There is a question on the type of magnolia he’s requesting. (**Who is following up on this?**)
- The board’s consensus is that the trees on the east side/Buckland Ave. side of the village park need to be removed and replaced.

The board reviewed the Standards and Specifications document. It will be finalized and given to the village trustees along with the Master Place prior to the Aug. 7, 2017, board meeting.

Poster Contest

The board agreed to sponsor a poster contest, working with PCS art teachers Peter Grierson and Stephanie Emerson. The contest will kick off in the fall with a deadline at the end of

January. Posters chosen as “winners” will be used as bookmarks, on the tree board website and in other ways yet to be determined. The type of project will be grade specific. The group brainstormed a theme. Suggestions: Care & Feeding of Trees. Hug a Tree. My Favorite Tree. Plant a Tree for Me. The Giving Tree. Un-Fir-Gettable Trees. Love a Tree. How to Help a Tree. Happy Tree, Happy Village.

Actions: Lori will provide the group with the Arbor Day poster contest rules for adaption by the VOP tree board.

Steve will coordinate with Grierson and Emerson.

Chairman Zerbe discussed the need for the board to be aware of the tree budget and planting accountability: how many trees are purchased, how many are planted and when, tree ordering process. **Action:** Dan and Eleanor should meet with Matt to discuss.

Next Meeting: Tentatively Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017. 7 p.m.

Addendum

Peter Grierson’s email regarding the poster contest:

“I think the poster contest is something we can work into our program here in the elementary junior high building.

“What would your thoughts be if we tailored the images created for specific publishing formats and target them toward specific grade levels. For example, younger students create a poster design with a vertical format. Other formats might involve creating a horizontal banner design or vertical banners for top and sides of the web and Facebook pages or documents. Maybe there could be included an emoji element. Some of these options can be targets for older students.

“This would also allow for the contest to be rerun as needed in order to update the images for the website and to fit the themes the committee needs.

“I know our grounds could use more trees, shrubs and flowering plants to make the school much more appealing. This is also a great way of promoting citizenship and pride within our community. We have one tree and 2 gardens dedicated to members of our school community. Imagine if we have a dozen trees and gardens dedicated to the work students have done to better our community as a whole.” (*These comments are in response to the board suggesting the winners would receive a tree to be planted at the school.*)