

Village of Perry Tree Board
Minutes
April 1, 2021

Present: Dan Zerbe, James Reynolds, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Steve Deaton, Eleanor Jacobs

Chairman Zerbe called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Karen Wyant was elected secretary; Dan was elected as chairmen. The village will appoint a new representative to replace Eleanor, as required by the Tree Law.

Steve reported on DPW activities:

- The country removed 41 stumps.
- 2 weeping larches in the park suffered wind damage and were removed. The board suggests a beech and a lilac be planted in their places.
- A Spring St. maple suffered damage and will be removed.
- Spring planting sites have been flagged. Trees may be delivered the end of April.
- Trunk protectors and fabric have been ordered.
- Steve will explore storage space for tree board equipment, such as fabric. One option is a storage shed behind the park maintenance building.
- 3 trees will be removed on Gardeau St.
- Center St. is not a priority at this time, even though the trees are trimmed ugly.
- The tree board will develop a long-range strategy for the gradual removal of Main St. pear trees and replanting.

The group selected PoE TREE submissions to recognize. James will laminate them, and he and Felisa will display them in storefronts.

Arbor Day, Saturday, June 5, 2021, 10 a.m. Don Gasiewicz will conduct a pruning workshop at Memorial Park.

James distributed a 5-year tree maintenance area map with the village divided into sectors. (Also emailed) The following members will periodically assess the condition of trees, particularly newer planted ones, and trim, weed, etc. when necessary:

James: yellow

Lori: orange

Dan: pink

Felisa & Robin: green

Eleanor: blue

Borden Ave. will be a planting priority with 40 sites identified. The group will consider planting a diversity of flowering cherry trees.

Dan & James have developed a video on the Village's Tree City USA experience. They have agreed to present this in other communities to encourage them to become Tree City USA communities.

Felisa recommends the book, *The Hidden Life of Trees*. **Next meeting:** Thursday, July 1. 7 pm