

Village of Perry Tree Board
MINUTES
January, 7, 2021 (zoom)

Present: Dan Zerbe, Karen Wyant, Steve Deaton, Robin Redding, Felisa McKay, James Reynolds, Eleanor Jacobs

The group reviewed the tree board's 2020 work

- Work days were deemed successful. Tweaks include splitting up participants into smaller groups to improve efficiency.

TASK: James will develop small geographic sectors where pairs of committee members can work the first Saturday of each month.

- Steve reported that 2020 planting went extremely well. 24 bare root trees were planted in the fall. DPW has removed 39 trees with 8 more to take down. The county will grind stumps this year.

The condition of trees in front of Jake's and Country Kitchen will be assessed this year to see if they recover before deciding to remove them.

PoeTREE: Felisa will pick up the poems from the elementary school on March 1. The board discussed how to promote the PoeTREE event. Suggestions: a short video played on Earth Day. A scavenger hunt to specific trees with poems hanging on them.

Tree City USA application was submitted the end of December. Perry will learn this spring if its designation is awarded again.

Dan demonstrated the Google Earth program he developed. It shows the location of trees in the village. If a user clicks on the icon marking a tree, its name and details appear. This can be useful to DPW as it tracks plantings and removals. Also citizens can use it to learn about different trees.

TASK: Dan will get some form of this to Steve with location in different color.

Dan also developed a Tree City power point presentation. It's a thorough discussion of Perry's tree board formation and numerous accomplishments. Tree board members can present the power point in other communities.

TASK: Dan & James will create a web version to increase reach.

Board reviewed spring planting plan. In addition to the list Dan prepared, trees transplanted from Main St. to Calahan and Dolbeer need replacing. Steve wants to replace trees at 40 & 48 Gardeau.

The board agreed to analyze the condition of Main St. trees in the spring. It will then decide whether or not to recommend a replacement program.

Arbor Day 2021 is Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 10 a.m. Don G with Cornell Cooperative Extension will conduct a pruning workshop.

First 2021 workday: Saturday, March 6, 2021. Meet at the Village Hall at 10 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021. 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Jacobs