

Village of Perry Tree Board  
Minutes  
February 7, 2018

Present: Andrew Lowry, Robin Redding, Steve Townes, Felisa McKay, Lori Schofield, Levi Hauser, Dan Zerbe, Matt Jensen, Eleanor Jacobs

Chairperson Dan Zerbe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The Tree Board website has been incorporated into the VOP's newly designed website that will go public later in February. Dan has reviewed the content and his comments were sent to web designer Sandy Schneible.

Tree planting discussion: One estimate for outside planting of trees is between \$350 - \$400 per tree, according to village administrator Jensen. He is checking on other options (prisoners, colleges, BOCES) to supplement DPW staff to help reach the tree board's goal of 40 trees per year. (In 2018, 50 trees should be planted to stay on plan.) Dan emphasized the importance of finding a way to get trees planted. Andrew added that tree board members' notifying homeowners of upcoming plantings would be helpful. Flagging the location would also help. Dan bought flags to use to mark locations.

Given that Perry should receive a Tree City USA designation, the tree board must develop an Arbor Day celebration plan. Options: Do a public activity on Arbor Day, April 27, at Clean Sweep (3rd Saturday), or another day.

Windshield survey data: Dan presented printouts from the windshield survey he conducted with Robin, Felisa and Eleanor. It was decided that board members would volunteer to evaluate a couple streets each to determine where trees could be planted and what homeowners would need to be contacted. Board members might answer this question: If the board had 5 to 10 trees to plant on a particular street, where could they be put? What would the plan be? As part of this effort, Matt will see if Dan and, if necessary, other board members can gain access to the county's GIS mapping. Dan plans to make the windshield survey data available on the website.

Dan distributed the Tree Planting Planning Form. This would be given to homeowners on specific streets where planting will be done.

Poster judging: Thirteen 5th graders created posters. The following are students' names in order of placement: (If incorrect, please let me know.)

Briella Ohlson 1st

Noelle Milhollen 1st

Tiona Nelson 2nd

Nora Merz 3rd

Grace Blocker 4th  
Babriella Brown 4th  
Destiny Hopkins 4th  
Ashlee Davenport 5th  
Alexis Dunn 6th  
Kayden Bradley 7th  
Destiny Pick 8th  
Mason Herman 9th  
Asherah Pilcher 10th

There was some discussion of how to recognize all participants and what to do for the first 3 or 4 places. In addition to determining recognition and awards, the board needs a photo release form and decisions on how to use the posters. No final decisions were made.

**Next meetings:**

**March 14**

**May 2, quarterly meeting**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Jacobs