

Village of Perry
Tree Advisory Board Minutes
March 7, 2017

Present: Steve Townes, Lori Schofield, Levi Hauser, Robin Redding, Dan Zerbe, Eleanor Jacobs

All board members present agreed to serve on the Village of Perry Tree Board if appointed by the Village Board. (*In a followup email, Felisa McKay also agreed to serve.*)

The group reviewed the eight Tree Replacement Request Forms that residents returned. (Since the meeting three more residents returned forms.) The group agreed to send out a followup postcard to residents who did not return the form. Eleanor will have Olive & Ink print the postcard with text developed at the meeting. For forms not returned, board members will visit locations to determine which trees to have planted in those places.

DPW's ability to put resources into planting will determine the success of Perry's tree planting and replanting efforts. The group discussed how to make planting happen; no conclusions were reached. There is a need to talk to Ed Koziel for his input and to request a DPW representative on the board. Robin mentioned the importance of DPW being cognizant of trees when it's replacing sidewalks.

The board discussed Dan's draft of the master plan. Before moving forward with finalizing the plan, the board requests the mayor and village trustees respond to the projects listed in the master plan. Once Dan makes revisions, Eleanor will email the plan to board members.

Levi reported on his conversation with Principal Belkota. One thought is to have a tree planting event patterned after the school's fall raking activity in the village. Eleanor is to email Daryl McLaughlin to see the best ways to engage the school in the urban forest efforts. It was suggested that teacher Reggie Cole would be the person most likely to engage in the board's efforts.

Some discussion on an Arbor Day event that would involve school children. For example, could the board organize a poster contest. A possible theme: How to Love a Street Tree. It was decided that there isn't enough time to organize an event by the official Arbor Day in April. (*Perhaps something can be planned for Clean Sweep.*)

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Jacobs