

Village of Perry Tree Board  
Minutes  
June 5, 2019

Present: Dan Zerbe, James Reynolds, Lori Schofield, Eleanor Jacobs

James and Dan agreed to work with Art to map the tree spaces as part of the inventory. Others are welcome to do this after attending the training and downloading the app. Art began the inventory on Friday, June 7, 2019, noting 150 tree locations.

Though there was no budget report available, the group discussed the need to stick to its understanding of the \$10,000 tree budget. Dan emphasized that \$5,000 must be designated for trees and tree board publicity and \$5,000 for DPW's work. Dan wants to trust that the board's portion of the budget is secure. (It appears the 2018-19 tree budget line ended with \$45.67.)

Spring planting summary: Dan said the tree at 218 Main maybe dead. The group wasn't sure what sites received tree care cards. Dan will mail them out with the help of the village office staff. To avoid confusion of who gets cards and who doesn't, Lori suggested we hand them out the day of planting. There was a question if all trees were planted in the right locations. It appears that some large trees are planted under wires.

School projects: James pointed out that it takes a lot of time to do these projects. He thinks it would be valuable if there is some sort of project that could be self-sustaining, self-initiated. The group discussed the possibility of engaging the H.S. science and ag tech classes to take soil samples at tree planting locations. Matter was tabled until the September meeting.

First Saturday work day. **Scheduled for July 6 at 9:30.** Residents have asked Dan if they can volunteer to do tree-related projects. Details to work out: a schedule of projects to complete without Dan's guidance if he can't attend, volunteer reporting of work done and volunteers' access to resources. For example, there are 30 - 40 trees to mulch. How can volunteers access mulch? How will they know the tree locations? How will they move one bucket of mulch per tree? What liability concerns are there on the part of the village? (Eleanor to see if mulch can be available at the park maintenance building rather than at WWTP.)

Watering: The discussion continues on how to ensure the village prioritizes watering.

Fall planting: Dan has identified N. Genesee, Fruit and Hope streets as possible locations for fall planting. The group discussed if trees could be planted between the brick wall and the Hope Cemetery fence. (Eleanor to contact Supervisor Brick to see if the town would like trees there and would it be willing to pay for them.)

Sam Gullo regretted that three or so trees planted by Complete Payroll in front of the bus garage have died. (Eleanor will talk to Sam to encourage him replant trees in the location.)

Next meeting:

**July 6:** First Saturday work day. 9:30

**July 20:** Fall tree planning subcommittee. 1 p.m.

**Sept. 4:** Village of Perry tree board meeting. 7 p.m., village hall