

Village of Perry Tree Board
Minutes
June 28, 2018

Present: Chairman Dan Zerbe, Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Andrew Lowery, Eleanor Jacobs, and new members Ralph Field and James Reynolds.

The group reviewed the Master Plan. One question: How does the board and village prioritize planting locations. Are major streets still the priority?

Cherry trees, which are bare root, will be planted in the fall on Cherry St. where homeowners have agreed to a tree. Dan will follow up with Schichtel Nursery in Springville to confirm when those trees can be ordered and delivered.

The board needs to develop a Tree Removal Request form to ensure a record is made and kept when residents request a tree be taken down.

Eleanor is to contact VA Matt to ensure tree forms are on the village website.

The board reviewed trees in storage and planting locations:

- Two large maples. Park
- Unspecified tree. Tempest St.
- Two cherry trees

Watering discussion

Dan suggested that homeowners agree to water once a week and DPW (or tree board volunteer) water once a week. Another option is for the village to buy treegators (watering bags affixed to the trees). Water still needs to be delivered to the treegators. The group suggested that the seasonal park employee could ensure water is in the treegators.

“People on the streets need to take ownership of the trees,” Ralph said.

“We need to keep in mind the aging population and they’re unlikely to water trees,” James said. (As a side note, Sharon Holtz has been watering her large maple tree planted on Arbor Day.)

“And then there are rentals,” Dan said.

(The village is ordering a limited number of treegators to test their use.)

Tree-request communication methods:

1. Opt-in— Property owners initiate a request.
2. Opt-out (no response is opt-in) — Tree board proposes a planting that's a replacement, is for an unoccupied or unkept property, or is part of a multiple-tree project, such as a priority street based on a tree survey, a themed street, or a uniform series of planting of a similar variety.
3. Opt-in or Opt-out (No response is opt-out) — Tree board proposes a planting that would require significant property owner support, such as requiring a change in parking, an experimental planting, would require property owner watering, is likely to change the view from a home with an evergreen or may obstruct a sign when grown.

The board agreed to use an Opt-out (2) approach.

Tree plantings, removals, etc.

- Watrous St.: Remove the tree at 13 (or 11) Watrous. Then target the rest of the street for planting in the spring. Dan suggested a snake-bark maple.
- Cherry tree to be planted at 91 Lake St., following a request by Bridget Givens.
- Orban trees will not be planted until gas line work is completed.
- Possibly a remaining cherry tree in storage could be planted at 77 Lake St. Motion to do so by Dan, seconded by Robin. All approved.
- Steiner request at 7 Andrus to remove the right-of-way tree. (Post meeting pictures were sent to the committee. Of members who responded, no one supported removal.)

Approved removals: (supplied by Dan)

Covington St. 51 <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gYaCbWNwZZTnzqXJ6>

Main St. South 113 <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7AsxtYGGGEYzD91JP7>

Watrous St. 11 <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jCqJxiTqWijmPJn58>

Denied removals

Short St. 7 (Dennis Bzduch)

Andrus St. 7 Denied, but inquire if branches overhanging the roof could be removed. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/WynnhprK43XPHxbFA> (Steiners)

Main St. South 184, Bottom branch could be removed if it solved the view of the road preference. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mEF7gx65dAwLUkYk6> (Bill Ferrell)

