

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY TREE BOARD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 25TH, 2024 AT 7 PM

Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Robin Redding, Joel Bouchard, James Reynolds, Ernie Lawrence. Absent Steve Deaton. Felisa McKay (traveling) and Ralph Field (traveling).

1. Ernie Lawrence was appointed secretary for the preparation of meeting minutes.
2. Terms. Samantha Pierce will bring Joel Bouchard to the Village Board for approval. He was welcomed. His contact information was distributed. More members are welcomed.
3. Updated sector assignments and the new tree inventory list was distributed to everyone and is available at [w Tree Plantings by Sector.docx](#) . Corrections should be forwarded to Dan.
4. Sam also asked for a list of tree board member's terms so they could officially be appointed, since appointments are for three year terms. They are as follows:
 - Joel Bouchard '24
 - Ernie Lawrence '21, '24
 - James Reynolds '18, '21, '24
 - Ralph Field '18, '21, '24
 - Dan Zerbe '15, '18, '21, '24
 - Robin Manning '15, '18, '21, '24
 - Felisa McKay '15, '18, '21, '24
5. The board discussed combining the Arbor Day celebration with the dedication of the Peace Garden in Memorial Park. The event will likely take place in May. James Reynolds will serve as liaison with the Rotary for planning. James asked if Dan Zerbe had suggestions of shrubs and an evergreen screen in the back of the part. Dan offered to order and plant small Japanese Umbrella pines, and a Franklinia, and a Witch Hazel. Some healthy topsoil will likely need to be added. Ernie recommended we invite the Warsaw Tree Board to our Arbor Day event, or any other events. Joel suggested incorporating adopt-a-street volunteers with our tree walks.
6. Robin Redding picked up the PoeTree entries from the elementary school. Ernie Lawrence will review them selecting winners from each class. These will be placed in the time capsule in Memorial Park if all goes according to plans.
7. The board viewed the Letchworth Community Access Tree Board video. It is available on the village Tree Board web page.
8. Dr. Zerbe shared his project, Walk Perry's Street Arboretum trail map, [Perry Trail Map.pdf](#) and shared the QR code for the inventory and location of all the new trees planted in Perry under the Tree Board. Dan will work on inserting links to variety information for each tree, and integrating old street trees into the database as well from the 2018 management plan.

9. James Reynolds will research grant funding from the Complete Streets Healthy Schools and Communities program. A purpose would be to add another street tree trail to the Perry Street Tree Arboretum map connecting the new plantings on Needham and the Silver Lake Trail.
10. The board reviewed the Spring planting plan by species and location. Flags will be sited in early April. Robin recommended we add an additional tree to the section at the side of 52 Dolbeer if we can update the tree order. The next streets we will focus on planting are Tempest, finish Gardeau, Walnut, and St. Helena. Steve asked us to try to limit trees to 50 per year for the sake of the budget. Ernie suspects that the board would support more funds for tree purchase if needed. Village efforts with tree removals are appreciated, especially as village crew participation reduces costs.
11. A discussion was held on the success of the Tracy Schneible tree dedication.
12. The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Wednesday, April 3rd.
Workdays for the coming year starting in the spring will be on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernie Lawrence