

Village of Perry Tree Advisory Board
Minutes – Feb. 3, 2016

Present: Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Steve Townes, Dan Zerbe, Eleanor Jacobs

Trustee Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7 PM. No changes were made to the December minutes.

Dan distributed copies of the pamphlet – Village of Perry, Our Heritage of Trees. The group gave its enthusiastic approval. Dan sees it as an informational piece that will transform over time as the Tree Advisory Board develops policy and the village board acts on that. Eleanor will give copies to village board members and to DPW's Ed Koziel.

The group looked at the website Dan is developing. Board members should review the site on their own and get comments to Dan. We will request assistance from Sandy Schneible, who helped develop the iloveperry website. (Dan and Eleanor contacted Sandy.)

The group reviewed the Arbor Day Community Grant and made suggestions. (Grant mailed with pictures of locations and tree recommendations and costs pm 2-9-16.) Grants are announced the end of February.

Group discussed a tree inventory. The state grant still hasn't been announced; the group may have to develop and implement its own inventory system. Dan said it's important to assess what we don't have in terms of trees, not just what we have.

Dan agreed to develop a tree board Facebook page.

Dan presented a draft Village of Perry Tree Law which the group reviewed. (Dan emailed a revised copy.) Board members volunteered to add information under Master Plan Recommendations and Standards and Specifications. (I did not write down what sections different people are doing. If you have questions about which sections and/or content, please email the group.)

Lori handed out an article on replanting Christmas trees and suggested the group could promote people buying live, burlap-balled trees at Christmas and then planting them after the holiday. (This is also information that could go on the website and on Facebook.)

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7 PM. Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Jacobs