

Village of Perry Tree Advisory Board  
Minutes – May 10, 2016

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

Eleanor called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The board supports the Wendel proposal for an urban forest inventory and web-based tree inventory management application, contingent upon the VOP's receiving a DEC Urban Forestry Grant. Wendel will apply for the grant at no cost to the village. (Village board approval required to apply for grant.)

Steve summarized the tree walk inventory he conducted with Robin, Lori and Eleanor on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The group learned what's involved in doing an inventory, particularly the significant amount of time required. They also realized how many spots exist where trees have not been replanted. The group raised the question of whether board members can contact homeowners regarding replanting. Eleanor will check with the VOP. At the end of the tree walk, the group met with Renee and planned where trees will be planted on May 21.

Robin summarized some of the comments from the surveys. Felisa and Robin will summarize the 252 survey results for the next meeting.

Dan reported on the Board's Facebook page and website. 500 looked at the Facebook page with 30 likes. Posting photos, such as those of favorite trees, attracts visits to Facebook. Dan encourages people to take photos and post them.

The group discussed what qualifies as a landmark tree. Can the Tree Board designate a heritage tree on private property?

Eleanor will ask the Mayor to sign the Arbor Day proclamation.

Lori will pursue engaging the school in an Arbor Day function in 2017.

Board members and recruits will meet at 9 a.m. on Clean Sweep Day, May 21, at the North Pavilion. (Eleanor will take photos and follow up with press releases to local media.)

Dan will begin work on the Master Plan. (Eleanor will follow up on whether the attorney has reviewed the tree law Dan drafted.)

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Jacobs