

Village of Perry Tree Advisory Board  
Minutes – June 29, 2016

Present: Felisa McKay, Robin Redding, Lori Schofield, Dan Zerbe, Jacob Kelly, Eleanor Jacobs

Eleanor called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Jake Kelly joined the board and spoke of his interest in the tree board's work. He has an associate's degree in forestry and will attend SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry in the fall.

Eleanor reported that the village received final payment for the community tree grant the board received. Also, the Village board passed the Arbor Day annual observance resolution to be held on the third Saturday in May, coinciding with Clean Sweep. She summarized the most recent meeting with Wendel's Adam Tableski and Heather Lewis, a GIS specialist. In brief: Wendel will host the tree GIS data for two years, if Perry receives the grant. The objective of the meeting was to show village management what Wendel's GIS system can provide beyond tree information.

Felisa and Robin reported on the 273 survey responses. Results will help direct the tree board's actions going forward. For example, the fact that a small number of respondents said they don't want trees replanted points to the need for education on the value of trees. (For a more detailed summary, see Dan's article on the survey, Felisa's email and the Survey Monkey survey.)

The group reviewed the attorney's changes to the draft Tree Law. On a motion by Dan, seconded by Felisa, the board approved the law with minor changes. (At the July 6, 2016, Village board meeting Terry Murphy said that Department of Public Works **superintendent** must be used rather than using the department name.) The Tree Advisory Board will present the law to the village board at the July 18, 2016, meeting.

The group discussed the content of the master plan. Robin has worked on Standards and Specifications; Dan has begun drafting the document. The group discussed (with enthusiasm) tree varieties such as Rhododendron and London planetree and special plantings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 PM.

**Next meeting:** Monday, Aug. 24, 2016, 7 PM, at Dan's house on Main St. and the Village Hall. (Please plan to attend the July 18, 2016, village board meeting.)

Respectively submitted,  
Eleanor Jacobs