

Tree Board Meeting

July 9, 2025, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Perry's Village Hall

Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Joel Bouchard, Jules Hoepting (secretary)

New: Laurie White, Village of Perry resident, interested in joining the board.

New members must be approved by the board. If members miss three consecutive meetings, the tree law says that their position is deemed vacant.

- 1.) PoeTree & Time Capsule – Successful contest. Will decide next year's poetry themes at a later date.
- 2.) Belated Arbor Day event on June 14 was a success! Hosting the event on a later date than Arbor Day encouraged more people to come. PoeTree winners were happy to read their poems. Attendees enjoyed the tree quiz along the block. The planting of the tree in the Firemen's Memorial Garden outside of the Hope Cemetery went smoothly. Will send a "Thank you" to the Garden Club for participating and for purchasing memorial trees.
- 3.) Urban Forestry \$1,000 grant completed.
- 4.) Tree Lecture completed, slides are available for use. Touches on why planting a variety of non-native trees can be more beneficial than planting only native trees. Native trees are more susceptible to diseases already present in the area.
- 5.) Supplies: fertilizer, stakes
- 6.) Next Planting Location Plans for Fall 25/Spring 26 -see attached. Proposal to hold on Bradford. Varieties to be considered:
 - 43 N. Center St. (F1-3, S1-2 on Pine St.) Callery pears
 - Cherry (north side) Cherries
 - Hawthorne (west side) Hawthornes
 - North Main St. at the edge of town - Metasequoia and ?oak
 - S. Main St. Tupelo's
 - Order list comes out in September
 - Favorites? (Alders, tupelo, false cedars, dawn redwood)
 - Note: paving set to happen on Orchard St., N. Genesee, S. Federal, Covington, and Buckland. Also perhaps for next year, Hope St.
- 7.) Tree Tags
 - Monitoring condition. If tags are wet or moldy, they should be reported, removed, and replaced.
 - Try laminating tags as opposed to using suitcase style tags.
 - By a vote of 3 out of 3, the Village of Perry Tree Board logo will be changed to the icon to the right.
 - What variety of arborvitae is at the village park? Will need to verify. Leading guess is Green Giant.
- 8.) Tree evaluations completed since last meeting:
 - 145 Water St. – Pruning damage-should recover
 - 129 Water St. – Tree requested by Tim Cipolla-blacktop needs to be removed.
 - 21 Watkins Scarlet Maple looks healthy and does not appear to need to be removed.
 - 71 Watrous- if we looked at the correct trees, the second from the driveway on Callahan has a couple of dead branches that should be trimmed, but removal of the whole tree is optional. It is at low risk of imminent failure. The one by the driveway looks good.



Larch in Village Park-remove stake

9.) Work Evenings - evaluation?

- Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. since March 12. We have done pruning, location planning, fertilizing, staking, tree protectors, mulching, 1 year stake removals, tree tags.

10.) How to make people excited and educated about trees? Past unused ideas:

- Could create a scavenger hunt. Participants could pick favorites for future orders.
- Further events? October 1 Wednesday is National Green City Day.
- Could demonstrate how to measure the diameter and the height of a tree. People could explore the village looking for the biggest and tallest tree, and those who figure it out can receive a prize at the spring Arbor Day celebration.

11.) Next Meeting

- September 24, Wednesday 7 p.m