



Village of Perry Tree Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Village of Perry Hall

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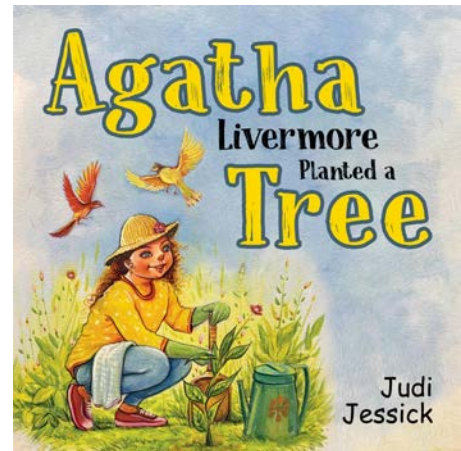
Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Joel Bouchard, Jules Hoeping (secretary), Robin Redding, Felisa McKay, Laurie White, Sandy Lawrence

Absent: Jon Bouchard, Steve Deaton

- 0.) Welcome to Brandon Allers visiting.
Charles Sawtell, arborist in Struther's Ohio (330) 979-0122 may join us virtually. He called for some advice and Dan sent him "Tree Village Lessons Learned at 10 Years." The article was distributed for people to review and let Dan know if they have suggestions or if they think it would be good to post.

1.) 2026 PoeTree Update

- Winners have been chosen!
- Prizes will be a choice: a copy of "Agatha Livermore Planted a Tree" book or a small evergreen tree (fir or spruce trees). These prizes will be given during the Arbor Day celebration June 20.
- Winners will be announced during the Perry Elementary School's June 12 assembly. The Tree Board is invited to present 6 awards. Winning students will receive an invitation to come to the Arbor Day celebration on June 20.
- Upcoming action: creating certificates for the winners. Can use last year's certificate as a template.
- Upcoming action: In late April, make copies of poetree poems, put around in local business village windows. Posters will stay up for two weeks, and will be taken down by the Village Tree Board.



- 2.) Arbor Day, Saturday, June 20th - Joel will obtain the declaration.
- The Farmers Market will be going on. Around 11:45 a.m., Tree Board members will gather people to come to the Memorial Park for a tree planting. .
 - At 12:00 p.m. we will plant the Forest Pansy Redbud donated by Felisa and Stan McKay in memory of Eugene "Gene" Hourihan at the Memorial Park.
 - 12:30 p.m., group will head over to Act 4 books. Students will read poems and guest author Judi Jessick will read her book "Agatha Livermore Planted a Tree" and sign copies.
 - Post Arbor Day action: Write an article for the Perry Herald about the celebration-Jules.
- 3.) NYSUFC New York State Urban Forestry Council conference.
- Membership benefits: can get discounts on workshops like tree safety, get discounts on two regional events a year, get discounts on statewide conference
 - This year's statewide conference: July 15 Wed-July 17 Friday, Manhattan University

Riverdale, NY. This year's theme is "Caring for Trees in a Changing City" highlighting efforts to increase resiliency, inclusivity, and species diversity across the city.

- At this year's conference we will learn about urban tree survivability, career development programs to grow new climbers and train veterans, community reforestation efforts in urban natural areas, and wood reuse. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with leading urban forestry specialists and professionals.
- <https://nysufc.org/2026-releaf-annual-conference/>
- Taking Root emails will have updates. All Tree Board members have been signed up.

4.) Are there other events we could do?

- Visit Drave's, a great arboretum in WNY (Darien, NY)
 - Basic Tree Identification Course Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
 - Annual Arboretum Open House and Tour Saturday, July 11, 2026 1:30 PM 3:30 PM (Tree Board members like this idea, however it conflicts with the Chalk Art Festival).
- Could try to arrange a visit to Schichtel's Tree Nursery in Springville, NY. Wednesdays and Saturdays tend to be the most available days for the Tree Board. Dan will contact Jim Kisker to see what he would recommend and offer as a tour.
- Invitation to visit Warsaw's Arbor Day celebration. 5 p.m., Friday April 24 at the Warsaw Village Park.
- There was an idea of reaching out to another community or Tree Board for a joint event, but would need more thought.

5.) Supplies:

- Fertilizer, could use 2-3 bags
- Supplies is good for trunk guards, have some left over from last year that can be recycled
- Ground cloths have already been cut into correct shapes
- More white flags are needed
- More spray cans are needed

6.) Next Planting Location Plans for Spring 26.

Video on B and B planting.

[Gardeners Almanac: April 12 - Planting B&B Tree](https://youtu.be/abEPOxLZ9eo?si=qUAbjO860pH6vyM3)
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Address	#	space size	dimensi ons			
7 Hawthorne St.	1	large		Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	CRATAEGUS C. INERMIS	2"
15 Hawthorne St.	1	large		Dawyck Columnar European Beech	FAGUS SYL. 'DAWYCKII GREEN'	1 1/2"
Memorial Park tree by Felisa and Stan McKay	1	small	save for Arbor Day	Forest Pansy Redbud	CERCIS CAN. 'FOREST PANSY'	15 GAL CONTAIN

			Planting			ER
32 Spring St (Robin's) -	1	request		Heritage River birch	BETULA NIGRA 'HERITAGE'	1 1/2"
75 South Main (dead zylkova)	1	med		Firestarter Tupelo	NYSSA SYLVATICA 'FIRESTARTER'	1 1/2"
37 South Main (dead zylkova)	1	med		Afterburner Tupelo	NYSSA SYLVATICA 'AFTERBURNER'	1 1/2"
112 S. Main (front, fairly wide) (?side also)	1	small	30x25	Green Point Juniper	JUNIPERUS C. 'GREENPOINT'	6'
10 Tuna St.	1	small		Farview Chinese Juniper	JUNIPERUS C. 'FAIRVIEW'	6'
15 Tuna St.	1	small		Weeping Alaskan Yellow Cedar	PENDULA' CHAMAECYPARIS (CALLITROPSIS) NOOTKA	4'
26 Watkins	1	large narrow	40x12	Columnar Purple European Beech	FAGUS SYL. 'DAWYCKII PURPLE'	1 1/2"
29 Watkins	1	small wide	25x15	Blue Nootka Falsecypress	GLAUCA' CHAMAECYPARIS (CALLITROPSIS) NOOTKA	4'
46 Watkins f2	f2	large	50x35	Eastern Red Cedar	JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA	4'
14 Bradford	1	large		Fern-leaf Beech	FAGUS SYL. 'ASPLENIFOLIA'	1 1/2"
86 N. Main St. (Main Terrace)	3	request	Yard side of right of way	Flame Thrower Redbud	Cercis canadensis 'Flame Thrower'	1 1/2" container
86 N. Main St. (Main Terrace) (cherry in the middle)	3	request	yard side of rite of way, was measured.	First Blush Cherry	Prunus X 'JFS-KW14' 'First Blush	1 1/2"
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7.) Monthly Tree Scavenger Hunt. April-Redbud hunt.

- Encourage people to find a specific tree or specific trees in the village. They will then prove it by taking a picture of the tree tag(s) and sending the picture(s) to the tree Board



Facebook page.

- The first person that sends the correct tag pictures will receive a prize: choice of tree or giftcard to a local business?
- Will repeat May, June, July, August, September, October with different prompts.
- Has been included in the Village of Perry newsletter.
- Post is live on Facebook for April challenge.

8.) Damaged Trees

- Willow near the North pavilion in Village Park?
- Action: will replace with 2 trees, probably one will be a willow.
- Some scheduled village work may cause trees to be removed. Feedback may be needed from the Tree Board for the new section of the outlet trail.

9.) Plantings for next year:

- Bradford BACKUPS
 - 5 Bradford
 - 11 Bradford
 - 12 Bradford
 - 16 Bradford
 - 17 Bradford
 - 21 Bradford
 - 22 Bradford
 - 23 Bradford
 - 26 Bradford
 - 27 Bradford
 - 28 Bradford



- In front of former grocery store on N. Center Street.
- Lower Dolbeer Street
- Hope Street
- Upcoming pavings to be aware of: Orchard and Federal streets, proposed paving for Covington, and N Genesee
- For next meeting, we could discuss the possibility of planting some public fruit trees, such as near the water treatment plant.



10.) Work Evenings

- Continue meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:30
- Much of the pruning is done
- Mid April: work on care for spring planting
- Upcoming tasks: Select next planting locations, replace / put up new tags.
- Tree Tags - will need many replacements. It appears the new sealing method (lamination) over the older method (plastic tag pouches) seems to hold up better to weather.
- Expect a few years use from the new tags.
- Tags are more ideal on younger trees: they are newer, people can see the bottom branches.

11.) How to make people excited and educated about trees?

- Facebook Calling for Photography. Community members (and tree board members) are invited to take photos of trees throughout the year so we have images to use on the digital map. Eg., take a picture showing the budding, flowers, bark, branching etc. or changes through the year.
- October 1 (Thursday) 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.
- Ideas discussed about setting up a geocaching program. Or, an activity searching for tree coordinates with local cadets. Brandon Allers will consider this.
- Discussion about how to get involved with older kids in the school system. Maybe volunteer work? Action: reach out to school with what the Tree Board does and see if there are any logical fits.

12.) Next Meeting -

- June 10 Wednesday 7 p.m. (before our Arbor Day)