

Tree Board Meeting

January 8, 2025, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Perry's Village Hall

Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Robin Redding, Joel Bouchard, Jonathan Bouchard, Felisa McKay, Jules Hoepting, Sandy Lawrence.

Absent: Ralph Field, James Reynolds, Steve Deaton.

Agenda with notes

1.)PoeTree & Time Capsule– Sandy, Felisa, Robin.

- Pick up poems after Saturday, March 1.
- They will meet to read poems March 5 at 2 p.m. at the library and begin selection.
- Dan has the poetry award trees.
- Will read the poems / give out prizes during a school assembly on Friday, June 13.
(Do not know time yet.)

2.) Tree City USA reapplication-Joel

- Sent it in, results should be coming back soon.
- Now that the account is set up, should be easier to do the following year.
- Talked with Steve Deaton for specific information to fill out reapplication.

3.) Arbor day plan

- Saturday, June 14 at 2 or 3 p.m.
- Include PoeTree reading.
- If available, will plant extra PoeTree award trees.
- Could potentially plant a tree in Hope Cemetery to replace one that died 7 years ago.
- Potentially include time capsule with the Perry Garden Club Hope cemetery planting.
- May include a walk from the Park St. Garden club dedication past the planting at the corner of Main and Leicester, and then to the Hope Cemetery planting, with perhaps a flag day theme and a tree appreciation quiz for education along the way.

4.) Urban Forestry \$1000 grant application accepted.

- The report with photos need to be submitted end of June.
- Will need to write up the reports of public events.
- Dan will compile receipts for Tree Board expenses.

5.) Spring Flagging

- Planting anticipated for mid-April of ball and burlap trees as below.
- For flagging, March 26 at 7 p.m. meet at Village Park.
- Will also look for outgrown plastic guards to put onto unprotected younger trees.
- Second letters can be sent to these 7 addresses soon.

Address	number	space size	dimensions	Fall	Cultivar	D	
93 N. Main St.	2	1 small front (wide)	30-50x20-30	spring	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
(Leicester side near corner)		sm wide or large columnar	30x20	spring	FAGUS SYL. 'ROSEOMARGINATA' (2)	1 1/2"	
45 Olin (Benedict side S1)	1	large	60x40	spring	FAGUS SYL. 'PURPUREA'	1 1/2"	
49 Gardeau St. (letter sent to Donald Schuster last year?)	1	large	30-50x20-30	spring	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
8 Park St. (church) 1-3F, S1 (dead pear)	3	large	70x70	spring	QUERCUS MACROCARPA	1 1/2"	Donor tree- Garden Club?
			30-50x20-30	spring	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
(Backup locations on Park St. side.)			50X40 (wide)	spring	FAGUS SYL. 'RIVERSI'	1 1/2"	Donor tree- Garden Club?
10-12 St. Helena	2	large and medium	60x40	spring (2nd, in addition to the Ginkgo)	FAGUS SYL. 'PURPUREA' (2)	1 1/2"	
25 Tempest	1	small	30x20	spring	FAGUS SYL. 'ROSEOMARGINATA' (2)	1 1/2"	
28 Walnut	1	small	30-50x20-30	spring	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	

6.) Supplies: fertilizer, trunk protectors, and spring mulch are needed if the budget allows.

7.) Next Planting Location Priorities Proposed

- 43 N. Center St. (F1-3, S1-2 on Pine St.) (request)
- Tuna and Bradford St. – would increase property values
- Watkins, Cherry (north side), Hawthorne (west side), Hope St.
- Add more on North Main St. yearly starting at the edge of town
- More pines on Pine Street
- Order list comes out in July so letters will go out in the spring.

8.) Requests.

- Evaluation – 44 Watrous was off right of way. Thus, not in Tree Board Zone.
- Eleanor requested the removal of the unsightly but healthy maple in front of her house. Wants to pay to remove it and have it replanted. Can she do this?
- We have in Tree Board policy that a homeowner can remove tree in front of their house if approved by Tree Board as long as it is replaced. If they want to choose the replacement tree, the replacement tree also must be approved by the tree board..
- There is nothing in our policy indicating a tree must be sick to be removed.
- Tree Board voted that it is fine for Eleanor to pay to remove the tree and replace it. Dan will communicate in writing.
- If a citizen pays to have the village to plant a tree, it would cost \$300.

9.) Silver Lake Outlet Trail Upkeep

- Could potentially beautifying trail entrances.
- Multiflora rose (invasive) keeps trees from sprouting. If removed, could plant trees afterwards such as Walnut.
- There is some concern about trees overhanging the trail.

10.) Pruning Days

- Early spring is optimal time. This is when there is less chance of freshly cut trees getting infected with insects and other diseases. It is also the time of year when the structure of the tree is more apparent.
- Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. starting March 12. Will occur weekly until we are done pruning.

11.) Next Meeting

- April 2, Wednesday 7 p.m.
- Will read poems and review the subcommittee's (Sandy, Felisa, Robin) choices for winners at the meeting.

12.) How to make people excited about trees?

- Could create a scavenger hunt.
- Participants could pick favorites for future orders
- Multi-choice quiz "250 plus species of trees have been planted by the Perry Tree Board." Could introduce our inventory map.
- "Travel Around the World – By Going Down the Street!" Highlight trees originally from other countries.

Notes submitted by Jules Hoepting on January 8, 2025.