

Tree Board Meeting

April 2, 2024, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Perry's Village Hall

Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Joel Bouchard, Jonathan Bouchard, Felisa McKay, Jules Hoepting (secretary), Sandy Lawrence, Steve Deaton.

Absent: Robin Redding, Ralph Field, James Reynolds,

1.) PoeTree & Time Capsule – Felisa

- Winners have been picked — there are 11, from Kindergarten to 5th grade
- Plans for posting: will make copies of the winning poems and put them up in store front windows on Main Street. Will not include Silver Lake Brewing Project, Luxury Smoke Shop, and Sky High Ink due to age-restricted products / services.
- Dan has the poetry award trees — there are 8 trees left over from last year.
- Will read the poems / give out certificates during a school assembly on Friday, June 13. (Do not know the time yet.) Winners can attend the June 14 Arbor Day celebration for a small tree.

2.) Tree City USA reapplication-Joel

- The Village of Perry has been approved! Received another flag and plaque.
- Process will most likely be smoother moving forward.

3.) Arbor day plan: June 14 at 6 p.m. in front of St. Joe's Church

- Read winning PoeTree poems.
- Will hand out award trees to PoeTree winners, if they come.
- If available, will plant extra PoeTree award trees.
- Could potentially plant a tree in Hope Cemetery to replace one that died 7 years ago. Proposal: Franklin Tree
- Potentially include a time capsule with the Perry Garden Club.
- Garden Club might want time to say something.
- May include a walk from the Park St. Garden club dedication on Leicester Street, past the planting at the corner of Main and Leicester, and then to the Hope Cemetery planting.
 - o Perhaps a flag day theme and a tree appreciation quiz for education along the way.
 - o Could put some tags on the trees, identifying the tree (common and latin name), plus a fun fact.

4.) Urban Forestry \$1,000 grant application accepted.

- The report with photos, receipts need to be submitted at the end of June. Dan will submit.
- Will need to write up the reports of public events.

5.) Supplies: fertilizer, trunk protectors (on order), and spring mulch (coming soon!)

6.) 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
- Possibly 2 zelkova's on Main St.
- Order list comes out in July so letters will go out in the spring, early May?
- Favorites? (Alders, false cedars, dawn redwood)
- Note: paving set to happen on Orchard St., N. Genesee, S. Federal, Covington, and Buckland

7.) Spring Flagging completed.

- Planting anticipated for mid-April of ball and burlap trees as listed on following page.
- Will look for outgrown plastic guards to put onto unprotected younger trees.

Address	number	space size	dimensions	Cultivar	D	
93 N. Main St.	1	In front, medium	30-50x20-30	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
93 N. Main St.(Leicester side near corner)	1	sm wide or large columnar	30x20	FAGUS SYL. 'ROSEOMARGINATA' (2)	1 1/2"	
45 Olin on (Benedict side S1, near back yard)	1	large	60x40	FAGUS SYL. 'PURPUREA'	1 1/2"	
49 Gardeau St.	1	large	30-50x20-30	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
8 Park St. on Leicester St. (front of church near Clark St. corner	1	large	70x70	QUERCUS MACROCARPA	1 1/2"	Donor tree-Garden Club
8 Park St. on Leicester St. (middle, next to entry on left)	1	medium	30-50x20-30	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	
8 Park St. on Leicester St. (near Park St. corner)	1	large	50X40 (wide)	FAGUS SYL. 'RIVERSI'	1 1/2"	Donor tree-Garden Club
10-12 St. Helena	1	large	60x40	FAGUS SYL. 'PURPUREA'	1 1/2"	
25 Tempest	1	small	30x20	FAGUS SYL. 'ROSEOMARGINATA'	1 1/2"	
28 Walnut	1	small	30-50x20-30	NYSSA SYL. 'WILDFIRE'	1 1/2"	

Backup location options: 8 Park St. on the Park St side (large ok). Also 45 Olin on Olin St. side (near corner).

8.) Silver Lake Outlet Trail — will keep an eye on planted trees

9.) Requests.

- Walnut tree, 30 Handley St request permission to remove.



- We have a Tree Board policy that a homeowner can remove a tree in front of their house if approved by the 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.
- The village attorney added that the tree remover must have insurance.
- If a citizen pays to have the village plant a tree, it would cost \$300.
- Will add language including the insurance requirement to our standards and specifications.

10.) Work Evenings

- Pruning was productive Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. starting March 12.
- Will continue pruning, location planning, fertilizing, mulching, stake removal through April.

11.) Warsaw Arbor Day Event, April 25, 5 pm, Warsaw Village Park

- 8 trees to be planted, 2 in memoriam
- Perry Tree Board invited

12.) Rotary planting in the village park

- Trees to provide a windbreaker on the line between the park and neighboring field.

13.) Next Meeting

- July 9, Wednesday 7 p.m
- Will finalize Fall 25/Spring 25 planting locations (1st letters out in May)

14.) How to make people excited about trees?

- 5th Grade Assembly-Dan (great success!)
- 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.
- Hang tags on some trees, saying the name of the tree (common and latin name), the country of origin, and a fun fact.

Notes submitted by Jules Hoepting