



## Village of Perry Tree Board Meeting Agenda

February 4, 2026, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Village of Perry Hall

**Present:** Dan Zerbe (chairman), Joel Bouchard, Jules Hoeping (secretary) Robin Redding, Steve Deaton, Dan Saunders.

**Absent:** Fekusa McKay, Laurie White, Sandy Lawrence, Jon Bouchard

### 0.) Any new officers for 2026?

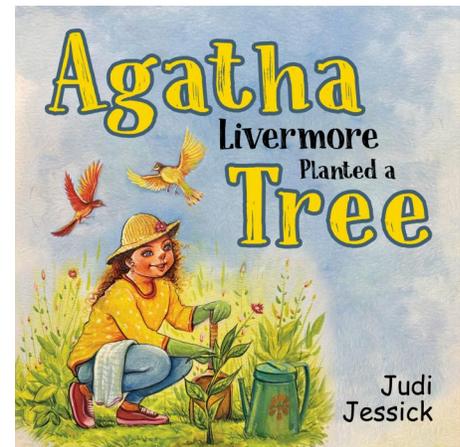
- Dan Zerbe chairman and Jules Hoeping secretary approved for 2026.

### 1.) 2026 PoeTree Update

- Picking up poems Monday, March 2nd
- Might need more trees as a giveaway prize, seeking to get 5 more evergreen, preferred fir or spruce trees

### 2.) Arbor Day, Saturday, June 20th?

- Guest Author may be coming to Act 4 books. Judi Jessick will read a book and then we can plant a tree.
- Also is the 1st day of the Farmer's Market
- Puppet Festival may begin that week.
- Is there a tree location to plant then? Perhaps Memorial Park?
- Perhaps plant the memorial tree Redbud?



### 3.) NYSUFC New York State Urban Forestry Council memberships. (5).

- 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 22-24, 2026 held in Bronx, NY
- An upcoming regional workshops will be in March, located at Buffalo Zoo
- In 2027, the statewide conference will be a lot closer to home.



### Are there other events we could do?

- Visit Drave's, a great arboretum in WNY. Private tour.
- Could try to arrange a Schichtel's tree nursery in Springville
- Could visit Warsaw's Arbor Day celebration to see how other local Tree Boards are celebrating their Arbor Day. We could do a joint activity with another Tree Board.

### 4.) Dan and Jon spoke to the 5th graders on January 16, 2026

- 25 minutes, students were very engaged
- Covered a variety of topics: how to take care of trees, jobs related to trees, sugar production in leaves, etc.

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

Address	#	space size	dimensi ons	Common Name	Specific Epithet	size
7 Hawthorne St.	1	large		Thornless Cocks spur 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	redbud	Forest Pansy Redbud	CERCIS CAN. 'FOREST PANSY'	15 G
34 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 (front yard tree)	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	2 n d	large	50x35	Eastern Red Cedar	JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA	4'
27 Benedict (Watkins side)	1	large		Fern-leaf Beech	FAGUS SYL. 'ASPLENIFOLIA'	1 1/2"

7.) Tree Tags - will need some replacements. Any feedback you have heard or suggestions?

- 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.
- Most ideal on younger trees: they are newer, people can see the bottom branches.

BACKUPS		
5 Bradford	1	very small
11 Bradford	2	small
12 Bradford	1	large
14 Bradford	1	large
16 Bradford	1	large
17 Bradford	1	small
21 Bradford	1	small
22 Bradford	1	very large
23 Bradford	1	small
26 Bradford	1	large
27 Bradford	1	small
28 Bradford	2	large

8.) Plantings for next year:

- Bradford
- in front of Bell's
- Lower Dolbeer Street
- Hope Street
- Upcoming pavings to be aware of: Orchard and Federal streets, proposed paving for Covington, and N Genesee

9.) Damaged Trees

- Two were run over: S Main by M&T drive through, and 60 Watkins.
- Need to access the arborvitae windbreak line in Village of Perry, protective fence is up but snow has drifted over initiating damage.
- Willow near pavilion in Village Park is split in half. Steve asked that we evaluate

10.) Work Evenings

- Wednesday evenings starting in March.
- Will meet at 6 p.m. initially, then 6:30 later in the summer as sunset time grows further in the day.
- In March mainly work on pruning, flagging
- Mid April care for spring planting
- Replace / put up new tags

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

- Tree Board members should 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.
- Summary Article has been written about the Perry Tree Board to aid other tree boards.
- For engagement: want to create a scavenger hunt. Encourage people to find a specific tree in the village with a name of the tree and some riddles. They will then prove it by taking a picture of the tree tag and sending the picture to the tree Board Facebook page. Jules will draft.

- The first person that sends the correct tag picture will receive a prize: maybe a tree? A giftcard to a local business?
- Will repeat May, June, July, August, September, October
- Could promote in Village of Perry newsletter, on Facebook (Facebook events?) and Perry Herald
- 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.

12.) Next Meeting - what is best for PoeTree reading? (Friday April 24 is National Arbor Day)

- April 8 Wednesday 7 p.m. Then poems can be posted in windows for Arbor Day.