



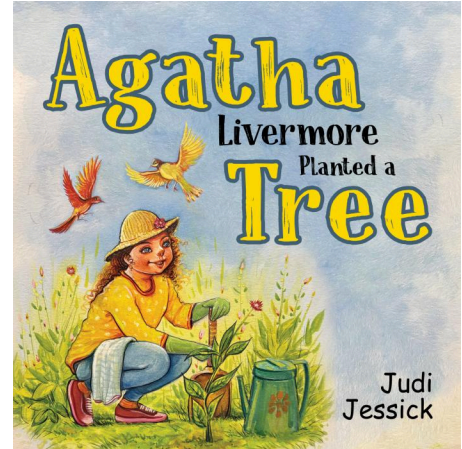
Village of Perry Tree Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Village of Perry Hall

Present: Dan Zerbe (chairman), Joel Bouchard, Jules Hoeping (secretary), Robin Redding, Felisa McKay, Brandon Allers

Absent: Jon Bouchard, Sandy Lawrence, Laurie White, Steve Deaton



1.) 2026 PoeTree Update

- Felisa McKay, Robin Redding and Brandon Allers will present at Perry Central School during an assembly on June 12, 2026. They will be there at 8:45 a.m.
- Certificates are ready and winners have been chosen.
- During the assembly, 6 winners will be announced. Winners will be invited to the Arbor Day celebration. At the celebration, they will be given an option of a prize: a copy of "Agatha Livermore Planted a Tree" book or a small evergreen tree (fir or spruce trees).
- In late April, copies of PoeTree poems were placed around local business village windows. Some of the businesses were closed when trying to take down the copies of the poems, which made it more challenging to remove them.
- *Any changes for next year?* This year, a certificate will be presented to the school principal. It is suggested that next year a certificate can be given to recognize a teacher.

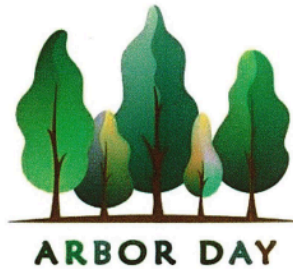
2.) Arbor Day, Saturday, June 20th - Joel obtained the declaration.

- 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.
- Award students a book or spruce trees (3). Act 4 books has an account through the village that the books can be charged to.
- Post Arbor Day action: Write an article for the Perry Herald about the celebration-Jules.
 - Tasks broken down:
 - Announcement at the market and lead people to the planting location - maybe use the Farmers Market microphone in-between performers?
 - Welcome, summarize accomplishments for the year - Dan
 - Read declaration - Jules
 - Memorial tree dedication - Felisa invited daughters of Eugene Hourihan, Sarah and Clare and Mary. Mary will most likely speak on behalf of her father, Felisa may talk afterwards, noting how the family liked Memorial Park -- where the tree will be planted.
 - Introduce members of the Geneseo Tree Board if they are there.

- Will have copies of the article “Tree Village Lessons Learned in 10 Years” if people are interested in learning more about what the VoP Tree Board does
- organize planting, dig hole - Joel. Brandon and others may be able to start the hole if DPW doesn't.
- lead group to the book store,
- announce winners at the book store - Felisa and Robin
- organize distributing the prizes - Felisa and Robin

3.) NYSUFC New York State Urban Forestry Council conference.

- <https://nysufc.org/2026-releaf-conference-registration/>
- \$250 + \$125/night
- 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. Dan has the schedule.
- At this year's conference attendees 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.
- Taking Root emails will have updates. All Tree Board members have been signed up.



4.) Are there other events we could do?

- Tuesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m., the Garden Club will host Dan to talk about how the Perry Tree Board selects trees. Location is 2072 Simmons Road, Perry.
- Tree Board visit to Schichtel's Tree Nursery in Springville, NY. Discussion of sending out a few days for board members to poll. Whatever has the most availability is the day that the field trip would be. Dan will contact Jim Kisker to see what he would recommend and offer as a tour.
- Plans to post the article “Tree Village Lessons Learned at 10 years” on the Tree Board web page.

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, Trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rick Hauser, Mayor of the Village of Perry, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2026 as

Arbor Day



In the Village of Perry and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees and promote the well-being of this and future generations.


Rick Hauser, Mayor of the Village of Perry

- The Tree Board discussed meeting up with a nearby tree board like Warsaw (Jim Carter) or Geneseo (Daniel Hayes). Maybe meet at the shelter at the Perry Village Park and look at the trees in the park.

5.) Supplies:

- Supplies is good for trunk guards, have some left over from last year that can be recycled
- Ground cloth with fibrous backing
- More white flags are needed soon
- 1 more spray can is needed

6.) Next Planting Location Plans for Fall 26, Spring 27.

- Need to get letters out. Dan will submit to the village office the following.
- May be able to order in July. Covington and possibly Federal St can be removed from the list if there are too many trees accepted.
- 2 trees could be added for the Village Park.
- There have been more requests to have trees planted this year than ever before!

Address	Number	Space size	Letter needs
10 Tuna St. (unplanted)	1	small	old letter, apologize?
29 Watkins (unplanted)	1	small wide	old letter, apologize?
17 Watkins (died Ft. McNair)	1	small	replant, no letter needed
36 Benedict (removal)	1	small Japanese lilac	requested, no letter
	1	large	requested no letter
65 Gardeau St. (Medical center rmoval)	1	large	letter
14 /st, Helena (dead Spaeth Alder)	1	large	letter
121 N. Center St. (old IGA)	(or 5) 4	medium conical, possibly 5 if blactop can be removed	letter
		medium conical,	
		medium conical,	
		medium	
61 N. Center front (Stainton removal)	1	large	letter
and 61 N. Center on Stainton side	1	small	letter

23 Hawthorne (removal)	1	large	letter
2 Leicester St. 67 feet from corner Betula Nigra	1	Betula nigra	requested, no letter
135 S. Main St.	2	small	letter
		small	
137 S. Main St.	1	Small	letter
5 Bradford	1	very small	old letter
11 Bradford	2	small	old letter
"		small	
12 Bradford	1	large	old letter
16 Bradford	1	large	old letter
17 Bradford	1	small	old letter
21 Bradford	1	small	old letter
22 Bradford	1	very large	old letter
23 Bradford	1	small	old letter
26 Bradford	1	large	old letter
27 Bradford	1	small	old letter
28 Bradford	2	large	old letter
		large	
21 N. Main masonic temple dead elm	1?	large, narrow	letter
34 N. Main St. dead zylcova	1	large narrow, Ginkgo? or tupelo	narrow
86 N.Main St.	2	small, replace redbuds	request, no letter
		small, replace redbuds	
175 N. Main St.	1	large	letter
177 N. Main St.	1	large	letter
179 N. Main St.	1	large	letter
192 N. Main (dead Galilean Alder)	1	small/med	letter
Dolbeer 11	1	Large	letter
Dolbeer 15	1	Large	letter
Dolbeer 16	1	Large	letter
Dolbeer 19	1 or 2	Small	letter
Dolbeer 28	1	Small	letter

Dolbeer 32, memory of Rosemary Givens, spring planting		2 med	donated
		med	donated
Dolbeer 33		1 Small	letter
Dolbeer 34		1 Large	letter
Dolbeer 38		1 Small or medium	letter
Dolbeer 48		1 Large	letter
62 Dolbeer St.		1 large, chestnut oak?	requested (to eventually replace the maple)
66 Dolbeer St.		1 large	letter
7 Callahan	2, Pink Flair Sargent or any serviceberry	Pink Flair	requested, no letter
		any serviceberry	requested, no letter
71 Watrous request, Linda Chapek		1 large but request syringa reticulata on Watrous side	requested, no letter
Hope 5		1 Large	letter
Hope 9		1 or 2 Medium or large	letter
Hope 13		1 or 2 Medium or large	letter
Hope 17		1 Small	letter
Hope 21		1 or 2 Small	letter
Hope 27		1 Small	letter
Hope 39		1 Small	letter
Hope 51		2 Large	letter
		large (maybe 1 more)	
N. Federal 3		2 Medium or large	letter
		medium or large	
N. Federal 9		1 Medium or large	letter
N. Federal 17		1 Large	letter
N. Federal 23		1 Large	letter
N. Federal 25		1 Large	letter
N. Federal 35		1 Large	letter
N. Federal 36		1 Small	letter

	total about 72		
FOR FUTURE			
Covington 61	1	Medium	
Covington 63	1	Small or medium	
Covington 67	1	Small or medium	
Covington 69	1	Small	
Covington 71	2	Small or medium	
		small or medium	
Orchard St.			

7.) Monthly Tree Scavenger Hunt.

- April was the Redbud hunt! Kimmie McDanel and her son Bently were awarded their gift certificate! We have 4 gift certificates left.
- May-June is the Catalpa hunt. We had a winning submission from Blake and Jade Russell. Jules will invite them to the Arbor Day celebration to receive their gift certificate (or tree).
- Other trees to look for during the Scavenger Hunt: Japanese Lilac for July, Dawn Redwood for August, other ideas include Maackias, London Planes.

8.) Tree Removals and Assessments

- The troubled Main St trees were assessed. The Callory pear near the bank is notably declining.
- *Should we give more input in removals again?* Discussion about if the Village should inform the Tree Board the reasoning behind cutting down trees as residents bring their questions to us and it is our role in the tree law to ensure removals are needed and that they are replaced.

9.) Species planting ideas.

- Dan is creating a list of favorites in preparation for the order. This could be a work evening activity.
- For the next meeting, the Tree Board could discuss the possibility of planting some public trees that are not ideal for street trees (such as fruit trees and nut trees).
- The property near the water treatment plant was suggested as a space to do this (photo below).
- The open area off Grove Street that is publicly owned could be another place to do this. Perhaps Paw paw trees, which are native and produce short-lived fruit, could be planted there.



10.) Work Evenings

- Continue meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:30
- Continue to mulch. Fertilize some more. Retrieve box.
- Prune dead branches while in leaf.
- Replacing tags here and there. Brandon will work on them with the Civil Air Patrol.

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

- Could create a PoeTree challenge for older demographics. The required syllables of the poems could correspond with how tall an individual tree is. Could possibly work in geocache tags. Brandon coordinating.
- 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.
 - So far it has not been the most successful. Brandon suggested the cadets he works with could take pictures of the trees.
- "Trick or Tree!" in the Hope CemeTree! On October 23, 24 or 30, could be a public program looking at interesting trees. The group was very excited about this. Group will need to discuss more. Potentially a Jon, Joel, Felicia and Robin project. We can investigate the trees for a work evening.

12.) Notes about incoming money.

- Checks used to be written to "Perry Tree Board" but have been written to the "Village of Perry" within the last few years.
- Will confirm preference about where money goes.
- Perry Tree Board has a trusted agency account which is used for PoeTree prizes, could also be used for additional supplies for memorial events or for memorial tags. The cost of the trees is generally $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the memorial donation. Joel will talk to Sam about allocation of donations.

13.) Next Meeting -

- Sept 2, Wednesday 7 p.m.