

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held February 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling, James Hagen, Dan Ledyard, Rob Ross, Lauren Rush and Kali Sawaya (7). Michael Deal was absent (1).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

James Hagen moved to approve the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Scott Kirby and the minutes were unanimously approved (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day Progress

James Hagen sent the initial letter to the schools. Discussion ensued about the banners and where they can be displayed. James Hagen made the suggestion to display them around the gazebo at the corner of Louisiana and West Indiana Avenue. Would have to take some measurements on the spacing around the gazebo and may have to adjust the banner size. The program itself could be held at this location. Could rent a tent for possible inclement weather. The tree could be planted in one of the right-of-ways. Dan Ledyard stated that a Silver Maple will possibly be removed and we can replace it. Rob Ross suggested Woodland Park and wrap the banners on the light poles. Kali Sawaya would like to use the Boardwalk area but maybe save that for the following year.

James Hagen would like to involve the kids interactively instead of a speaker. We could also use this time to educate those that are attending the Arbor Day celebration. Introduce the Street Tree Commission members, briefly explain what the Street Tree Commission is made up of and what are their duties. Kali Sawaya mentioned that she has already shared the program with Casey Kenworthy, the Public Information Officer.

Tree City USA Northwest Ohio Meeting - Wednesday, May 13 in Maumee, Ohio

Debbie Ivan shared the pertinent information for the 2026 Northwest Ohio Awards Program. The program will be held in Maumee, Ohio on May 13, 2026 at the Elks Lodge from 9:00 - 2:45. We will need to RSVP at the next meeting.

Tree City USA and Growth Award Confirmation Letter to Mayor

Dan Ledyard reported that our Tree City USA application was okay'd by Stephanie Miller but the Growth Award has not yet been confirmed.

Start Thinking of Street Tree Budget Issues for Next Year

Increase in the budget per Rob Ross.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Fall Planting

Everything has been completed per Dan Ledyard.

Report on Christmas Tree Recycling Program

527 Christmas trees picked up this year versus 421 last year.

Pruning/Removal Report

Dan reported one storm removal. Crews have been out tending to roads with snow.

Leaf Pick-Up Update

This event has been completed. There were 490 loads. We got a little behind this year due to snow events.

Downtown Revitalization Project Update

On Thursday, February 5th from 5:00-7:00 at Inside the Five, they will be holding another informational meeting. Once Winterfest has been completed, the trees will begin to be removed.

Discuss Potential Alternate Scheduling (for Mike to be able to attend regularly)

Scott Kirby offered to call Mike Deal and talk to him about alternatives. Would like to be able to keep him on the commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

James Hagen feels Bicentennial Park is very under-utilized. Would be a great place to possibly commemorate the 250th Bicentennial arboretum.

Lauren Rush reported that she received a grant for \$15,000.00 for lantern flies.

Dan Ledyard shared that the Norway Maple at Hood Park is declining. Barry VanHoozen is donating a Patriot Elm from North Branch to replace it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.