

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held March 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were: Scott Kirby, Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling, James Hagen, Dan Ledyard and Lauren Rush (6). Rob Ross and Kali Sawaya were absent.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Christine Ardley moved to approve the February 2, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Scott Kirby and the minutes were unanimously approved (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Remove Tree Bags from Previous Two Year Plantings

Dan Ledyard stated that they will start working on this project pretty quickly.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Progress

Jim Hagen mentioned that he would like to start the program off by giving a little history, would like to thank the Garden Club and introduce the Street Tree Commission members and what they are responsible for. Then move into the interactive project with the kids and make the presentation to the winners and give them time to take pictures with their banners and then give them their banners to take home.

Jim Hagen suggested that we plant a Scarlet Oak at the Commodore Building. Dan Ledyard will check with Perrysburg Schools to see if we can plant the tree on the school property or if we need to plant it in the City right-of-way.

Suggestion was made to rent a tent for possible shelter if it should rain. Jim Hagen will contact Next Day Signs for a quote so we can get a PO processed.

Lauren Rush would like to invite all those present to do a litter clean-up after the Arbor Day celebration. Jim Hagen will add this information to the letter he will send to the schools.

Arbor Day is set for Friday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Commodore Building.

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

Those present all confirmed they will be attending. Debbie Ivan will contact the others

to get a final count and mail in the registration and payment.

Tree City USA and Growth Award Confirmation Letter to Mayor

The confirmation letter has not yet been received but both Tree City USA and the Growth Award were accepted.

Pruning/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard stated that they are still a little light with staffing. 28 removals, 58 trims (mostly in the Brookhaven neighborhood) and 6 stumps mostly in the parks.

Downtown Revitalization Project Update

Dan Ledyard reported that the Pre-Con meeting is next week. Tree removals will be happening as soon as possible as they have to be removed by March 31st. The same contractor will be removing these.

Hood Park trees will be trimmed, and the Norway will be removed. Mid April will be the dedication for the 250th tree from Barry Van Hoosen along with a plaque.

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

It is with sadness that Mike Deal has given his resignation. His work situation has changed and he is unable to accommodate the meeting times and he is far less flexible with his schedule. He stated that it has truly been a pleasure serving alongside everyone and will continue to follow the Commission's efforts and progress.

We will reach out to Casey Kenworthy, the PIO contact and possibly have him do a "spot lite" on each of the committees throughout the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Hagen mentioned that he invited Stephanie Miller to Arbor Day.

Dan Ledyard will be attending the next Finance and Service Committee meetings to ask about assessment money. The Ash trees (less than 100) need to be removed and replaced and the Bradford Pears need to be selectively removed and replaced.

Lauren Rush said she received a grant from the Department of AG.

Jim Hagen congratulated Debbie Ivan on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for taking the minutes for our Commission meetings. Mark Easterling will check and see if Heather Alfaro is available and willing to take the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2026.