

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held June 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Chairman Scott Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling, James Hagen, Scott Kirby, Dan Ledyard, Rob Ross, and Kali Sawaya (7). Natural Resources Manager Lauren Rush was also present (1).

Visitor Greg Meyer was present as well.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Hagen moved to approve the April 6, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Kali Sawaya, and the minutes were unanimously approved (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Plans for Insecticide Treatments, if any, for Select Street Trees (include discussion of publicity for public awareness)

Dan Ledyard said that this is a work in progress and noted that the Ash trees are getting worse. He added that they are going to need to be removed, as last year's drought took a toll on them. Scott Kirby mentioned a growth regulator for the trees.

Pruning/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard reported that there were 30 removals, 5 trims, and 12 stumps removed in May. He added that some of the tree stakes have remained in the Coventry Pointe subdivision due to the rain, but noted that the remainder of the 2022 and 2023 water bags and stakes have been removed.

Annual Report to Council June 16, 2026

Kali Sawaya referenced the PowerPoint that she created with the Commission in preparation for the June 16, 2026 presentation to City Council. Dan Ledyard said that he spoke with Brian Armstrong in GIS and that he and Kali could get together for a GIS analysis. He added that the Downtown Revitalization is moving along and ahead of schedule. Kali Sawaya said that she would email the PowerPoint to Heather Alfaro in advance of the June 16th City Council meeting. Kali Sawaya left the meeting at 9:43 a.m. due to a prior commitment.

Site Plan for Perrysburg Square at 25818 N. Dixie Highway

Mr. Easterling passed out the Site Plan for Perrysburg Square (25818 N. Dixie Highway) to the Commission. He noted that the building location and parking lot are set on site. Dan Ledyard noted the landscape construction notes on the site plan, and the

Commission agreed that they would select the street trees at the July 6th meeting.

Select Street Trees for 13556 Five Point Road

Mr. Easterling noted that this site encompasses two parcels that will need four (4) trees, and Mr. Ledyard said that he would go out on-site to assess. The Commission agreed to select the trees at the July 6th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Arbor Day

Rob Ross stated that the Arbor Day event went well, and the Commission agreed. Jim Hagen noted that next year it would be helpful to have a table under the gazebo to place the banners on, and Dan Ledyard said that they could plant another tree next year across from O-Deer Diner in the right-of-way in the Commodore area. Scott Kirby added that the Messenger Journal didn't report on Arbor Day, and Lauren Rush said that it could be dependent upon if a press release was issued prior to it.

Review Tree City USA

Rob Ross stated that the Tree City USA event went well, and the Commission agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Hagen said he's interested in exploring other remediation options, including volcano mulching, and Scott Kirby said he would help research figures going forward. It was noted that North Branch Nursery had been planting too high.

Lauren Rush added that the Big Squish is planned for Tuesday, July 14th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rob Ross recognized Mark Easterling as Interim Planning & Zoning Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro
Recording Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.