

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held July 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

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

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Christine Ardley, Mark Easterling, James Hagen, Scott Kirby, Dan Ledyard, Greg Meyer, and Kali Sawaya (7). Public Information Officer Casey Kenworthy and Natural Resources Manager Lauren Rush were also present (2).

APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Christine Ardley moved to approve the June 1, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Scott Kirby, and the minutes were unanimously approved (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Watering of the Previous Two Years' Fall Plantings

Dan Ledyard said that some homeowners put water in the planting bags, and Mark Easterling noted that some residents are unaware of the purpose of the street tree bags. Dan also mentioned that they have concerns about North Branch Nursery regarding staffing issues and a lengthy list of trees not yet planted this year. He added that North Branch has also hit irrigation lines. As a result, Dan said he is seeking quotes from private contractors and has spoken with the City of Maumee about its procedures for planting street trees. The Commission briefly discussed multiple avenues available to inform residents on how to care for their street trees properly, including leaving a door tag when the tree is planted.

The Big Squish — Tuesday, July 14th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Orleans Park

Lauren Rush reminded the Commission about The Big Squish event and invited the members to attend. She noted that she had invited Kitty Gibson to do a lanternfly demonstration. The Commission discussed identifying the Tree of Heaven, showcasing traps for the flies, sharing general information with the public, and bringing scrapers for the trees to The Big Squish event. Kali Sawaya recommended contacting the Department of Agriculture to obtain the life cycles of the lanternfly for demonstration.

OLD BUSINESS

Pruning/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard reported that there were 22 removals, 62 trims, 23 stumps removed, and 45 pickups and hangers from storm damage in June. He added that 10 Ash trees have been removed on Riverford Drive and that there are 3 more trees to go with 7 stumps. Dan also noted that he has a contract out for removal of the trees at the Schaller and Senior Center.

Select Street Trees for Perrysburg Square at 25818 N. Dixie Highway

Mark Easterling referenced the Site Plan for Perrysburg Square. He said that it doesn't look like they are leaving much room for street trees to be planted, but noted that there is a right-of-way. Dan Ledyard said that he would not recommend keeping the tree on Lincoln Boulevard as it will get damaged by the construction. Lauren Rush noted the minor swale on site with the waterline and overhead power lines. Mark said that the Commission could select the trees after the Pre-Construction meeting and determine whether trees would be feasible for this site.

Select Street Trees for 13556 Five Point Road

Mark Easterling noted that 4 street trees have been paid for at 13556 Five Point Road and that sidewalks will be installed across this property. Dan Ledyard added that there is a primary electrical line on site. Scott Kirby mentioned allowing the site to be developed before street trees are chosen. The Commission further discussed the street tree selection process with new member, Greg Meyer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Ledyard noted that a winter project could be updating the street tree list on the city website and there was a brief discussion about simplifying this portion of the website.

Jim Hagen said that in talking with a city firefighter, the ladder truck is having to swing around on Findlay due to the street trees.

Jim Hagen referenced a tree with dead limbs at Eisenhower Park near Mr. Freeze and Dan Ledyard said that it's time to remove that tree.

There was a brief discussion about obtaining points for the Growth Award related to GIS and the new tree tracker list.

Dan Ledyard said that interviews are next week for Debbie Ivan's former position.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Recording Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.