

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held June 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken: Scott Kirby, Rob Ross, Dan Ledyard, Mark Easterling, Christine Ardley, Mike Deal and Jim Hagen. Kali Sawaya was absent.

APPROVAL OF MAY 5, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mark Easterling made the motion to approve the May 5, 2025 meeting minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Plans for Insecticide Treatments, if any, for Select Street Trees. Include Discussion of Publicity for Public Awareness

Dan Ledyard reported that the Ash trees were treated and some probably should not have been. Scott Kirby asked if we should stop the program and turn it over to the homeowner. Dan Ledyard said it is time to start removals. There are under 250 Ash trees left in the City. Jim Hagen asked about needing more money for Bradford Pear trees (per Dan Ledyard there are 1250). Silver Maples are starting to show a decline. Rob Ross said this will be a budgetary discussion.

Discuss Summer Meeting Dates to Plan for Vacations. Decide on the July date.

July 7th works for everyone.

Growth Award Points

We have tabled this discussion to the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Riverford Plat 11, Coventry Plat 4 and Sanctuary and Sanctuary in the Woods Street Tree Selection Discussion

Sanctuary and Sanctuary in the Woods - we will discuss this at the next meeting - do the trees still work?

Coventry Point Plat 3 - Dan Ledyard reported Elms and Serviceberry along with a few Locust. In the common lot there will be Gold Dust Sweet Gums. Coventry Point Plat 4 - Gold Dust Sweet Gums in the common lot.

Pruning/Removals Report

In May, there were 26 removals, 42 trims and 42 plantings per Dan Ledyard.

Annual Report to Council

We are on the City Council agenda for the June 17th meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tyler Meek, 370 Edgewood Drive, spoke to the Street Tree Commission regarding a Red Maple street tree whose roots have bled into his piping a few years ago and now the roots are visible and sinkholes in his yard which he has filled with dirt. Every year, pipes need to be rootered and he has to pay. Is it fair that the resident has to go through this and pay for it? Mark Easterling stated that not all rules and regulations are going to make a resident happy, but the homeowner needs to take on the responsibility. Rob Ross told Mr. Meek that if the sidewalk is upheaving because of the tree roots, the City will fix it. Scott Kirby explained and shared the ISA Hazard Tree Assessment.

Short discussion, Jim Hagen said we have to make sure we can't interfere with other committee meetings if we choose to move our meeting time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. with Mike Deal making the motion to adjourn and Rob Ross seconding it. All in favor (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.