

## **Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission**

**Meeting Held July 7, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM**

Scott Kirby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Christine Ardley made the motion to approve the June 2, 2025 meeting minutes and Mark Easterling second the motion. All in favor (7-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Depending Upon Weather Conditions, Discuss Watering of Previous Two Years' Fall Plantings**

Dan Ledyard stated that we were short-handed and this task will be done in the next few weeks. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

#### **Street Tree Commission at the Farmers Market**

Rob Ross explained that the City has booth space available if the Street Tree Commission would like to man it and make it a teaching moment. All agreed that we will pass this year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Pruning/Removals Report**

Dan Ledyard reported 42 removals, 58 trims and 15 stumps. There were 57 stops from minor storm damage with hangers, broken and blocking walkways.

#### **Annual Report to Council**

Kali Sawaya made the presentation to Council at their June 17, 2025 meeting. All went well. Kali Sawaya appreciated the positive comments from everyone.

#### **Growth Award Points**

This issue was tabled until next month.

#### **Street Tree Page on the City Website Changes - Kali**

Debbie Ivan will email a copy of Kali Sawaya's email for everyone to review. Kali Sawaya stated that the City of Perrysburg is the guest speaker at the Bluffton conference and the time slot is 45 minutes. She is thinking about reaching out to

Sylvania to co-help with this as they are going through the same.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mark Easterling sent Dan Ledyard a copy of the Sanctuary and Sanctuary in the Woods street tree plans for fresh eyes.

Mark Easterling also invited all Commission members to attend the Zoning Code Re-Write meeting in late August. He is specifically looking for feedback on parking lots. Scott Kirby and Jim Hagen both asked Mark Easterling to shoot an email out to everyone with the date, place and time of the meeting.

Dan Ledyard reported that there are 225 Ash trees and 1,235 pear trees throughout the city and on Michael Owens Way there are 55 Pear trees and Eckel Junction Road there are 54 pear trees.

A letter needs to be sent to Mr. Meeks outlining the risk assessment and appraisal value of his tree, which is in great health and that it is not kicking up the sidewalk.

Lastly, Tom Haar, Staff Engineer, spoke to the Commission with an update on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Bids to go out in December 2025/January 2026 for the plantings in the 100 and 200 blocks of Louisiana Avenue. Trying to be more proactive rather than reactive. London Planes at each block corner to be consistent. Discussion was had about the plantings in front of Ray's Service Center. Would like to see a screen to block it such as ornamental grass or small shrubs.

Second Street -- added trees at the corner and possible site obstruction limitations here - possibly a Hornbeam? Hornbeams are a bad idea - all agreed. East and West Second streets only 1 Londonplane, Junipers are not cost effective (materials/plant/labor).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan  
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025.