

Minutes of Perrysburg Street Tree Commission

Meeting Held September 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Scott Kirby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Visitor: Casey Kenworthy, PIO for the City.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Hagen made the motion to approve the August 4, 2025 meeting minutes and Scott Kirby second the motion. All in favor (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

ODNR Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Conference

The 2025 Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd from 9:00-3:00 at Bluffton University. Kali Sawaya, Mike Deal and Rob Ross cannot attend and Jim Hagen, Scott Kirby, Mark Easterling, Christine Ardley and Dan Ledyard will be attending. Debbie Ivan will submit payment and the registration form for their attendance.

Coventry Pointe Plat 5 Street Tree Plans

Mark Easterling did not bring the plans with him to the meeting. We will look at these at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Planting Update

Dan Ledyard is putting together the list for the Fall planting. We did some planting in the Spring. Developer trees are ready to go and there will be about 100 trees to be planted. Hawthorne and Canterbury subdivisions are also ready to be planted.

Casey Kenworthy would love to take pictures of a planting and asked Dan Ledyard to let him know when it would take place and where.

Prunings/Removal Report

Dan Ledyard reported 14 removals, 38 trims, 39 stumps removed and filled with soil and seed and 16 pick-ups/hangers.

Downtown Revitalization Project Update

Dan Ledyard reported information from two weeks ago, 75% of the plans for the 100 & 200 blocks were completed. He will ask Tom Haar to attend our next meeting scheduled for October 6, 2025 to give us an update.

Growth Award Points for 2025

The committee reviewed the categories; we will submit all the items we are eligible for.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Easterling did talk about a street tree plan at Levis Commons at the corner of SR 25 and Brockway Drive. There will be multi-unit businesses moving in. There will be 2 front yards (SR 25 & Brockway Drive). Eight trees total. Dan Ledyard said there are Locust trees there now and we should continue the species and mix in Yellowwood on the SR 25 side. They will need to remove two street trees for Adirondack ones. Was decided on three Crab Apples for color and these will be planted on the Brockway Drive side. Mark Easterling will check with Lauren Rush on pond easement.

Jim Hagen asked Dan Ledyard about following Stephanie Miller's recipe suggestions and Dan Ledyard said he would possibly need money and alot of people and he needs to sit and think about it. Scott Kirby says it isn't practical. Could possibly try it out at Riverside Park or at the Arboretum.

Mark Easterling said a date is soon coming for the re-write of the ordinances. There will be a meeting upcoming on the third phase which deals with making developers responsible for replanting trees after they die.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. with Scott Kirby making the motion to adjourn and Mark Easterling seconding it. All in favor (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ivan
Street Tree Commission

Next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025.