

Tree Committee meeting January 8, 2024

Present – Carl and Cindy Lohrbach, Jeffrey Kirkbride, Melissa Sapp, Ruth Phillips, Carol Bailey, John Lockard, Roland Forrester

Old business -

We reviewed the planting of the 10 trees donated by North Branch nursery. Six near the trail and 4 near the Elementary school.

We decided to have a plaque dedicated to Marge Cox put onto a tree that we will plant in 2024 near the town hall. It was suggested we could also move the Don Cobb plaque to be near the same tree in honor of these two individuals.

The annual Tree city renewal application was sent in on Dec 13, 2023

We discussed the tree at 205 Main St. (After the meeting many of us went to personally inspect the tree.) We decided to go with Steph Miller's advice to keep the tree longer since she believes it has in no way lost its integrity to stand alone.

WE addressed the ODNR visit from Oct 2021 – 4 trees we can take down, and that have no emergency - 111 Perry St, 318 Perry St, 307 Maple St, 412 Maple St. These four trees have been marked with a green paint X. Trees that should be taken down soon are marked with a RED X.

John L and Carl L found a 275-gallon tank (40x48) to water the trees. They believe that they can assemble a trailer for the container without having to purchase such an item, in time to begin watering the 20 newly planted trees this summer/spring.

A Thank you card was sent to Tom O thanking North Branch for their generous donation of trees.

New Business –

Discussion centered on how much paperwork /documentation should be done for each tree planted this year and in years to come. Suggestions varied from measuring distances all the way to following the healthy outlines of the 1986 and 1993 ordinances reading trees in the village. Also, some discussion about a rewrite of these ordinances over this next year.

We decided to meet at least 10 times this year.

Next meeting is March 11, 2024, No meeting in February this year.

(After the meeting many of us went to personally inspect the large tree on the east side of 205 Main St.)