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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2018**



**THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-11917**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-0176110**  
(Employer Identification  
Number)

**1500 North Mantua Street  
P.O. Box 5193  
Kent, Ohio 44240**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(330) 673-9511**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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## Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Davey Tree Expert Company held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 15, 2018 (the “Annual Meeting”). There were 17,736,047 shares represented to vote either in person or by proxy, which represented a quorum.

Shareholders of the Company voted on one proposal - election of directors - and elected the following nominees named in the Proxy Statement to serve as directors for the term expiring on the date of the Company's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders with the following votes:

	Number of Shares		
	For	Withheld	Broker Nonvotes
Karl J. Warnke	17,600,456	135,591	—
Donald C. Brown	16,830,545	905,502	—
Catherine M. Kilbane	17,266,090	469,957	—

Additional Directors whose terms in office as Directors continued after the Annual Meeting were Patrick M. Covey, William J. Ginn, Douglas K. Hall, Sandra W. Harbrecht and John E. Warfel.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

By: /s/ Joseph R. Paul  
Joseph R. Paul, Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Date: May 17, 2018