UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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 17, 2022



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, OH 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)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
N/A	N/A	N/A

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 \Box

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. \Box

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Company held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 17, 2022 (the "Annual Meeting"). There were 30,681,025 shares represented to vote either in person or by proxy, which represented a quorum. Shareholders of the Company voted on two proposals.

PROPOSAL ONE – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Elected the following nominees named in the Proxy Statement to serve as directors for the term expiring on the date of the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders with the following votes:

		Number of Shares	
	For	Withheld	Broker Nonvotes
Alejandra Evans	30,494,869	186,156	—
Matthew C. Harris	30,545,777	135,248	—

Additional Directors whose terms in office as Directors continued after the Annual Meeting were Patrick M. Covey, Donald C. Brown, Thomas A. Haught, Catherine M. Kilbane, Charles D. Stapleton, and Karl J. Warnke.

PROPOSAL TWO – RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM. Ratified the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2022 with the following votes:

		Number of Shares		
	For	Against	Abstain	
Proposal 2	30,475,078	9,725	196,222	

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
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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 Assistant Secretary

Date: May 20, 2022