

**Minutes**  
**Allegheny County Forestry Board**  
**April 27, 2021 from 9:00am – 9:40am**  
**Webex Meeting – Covid-19 Rules**  
**To promote the stewardship, conservation and**  
**sustainable use of forest resources in Allegheny County**

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman **Ken Roberts** at 9:03am on April 27, 2021. Attendees included: **Bernie Zlomek, Sherry Frick, Francis Zumbrun, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts** and **Dan Hedderick**
- Special Guest: **Matt Voithofer (Big Tree Volunteer)**
- Not in Attendance: **Marie Miller, Tom Mathews, Dennis Bittinger, Steve Resh** and **Brad Metzger**

**Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2021**  
**(Covid-19 may affect outcome):**

- **Completed** Develop the 2021 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Completed** Raise funds to support Allegheny County Forestry Board
- **Completed** Review positions held by the Board members
- Bring in new members
- **Started** Hold 8 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Started** Complete all financial disclosure forms
- **Completed** Sign all Volunteer Forms
- **Started** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Started** Promote outreach for NRCC
- Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegheny Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegheny County Fair
- Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Big Tree Program
- Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- Support County and State in their efforts to implement land preservation programs
- **Completed** Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- **Started** Look into new programs with guest speakers to keep members educated on what is new

**Note:** Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2021 Annual Work Plan. The word "accomplished" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been completed.

**Dan Reminds the Board that there will be no in-person meetings or public events for the Forestry Board due to Covid-19**

### **Minutes Reviewed:**

**Dan** asked if everyone received the minutes from January. He explained that minutes will now be sent in to be listed on a site for public record.

One noted correction from March minutes is that **Marie Miller** was present.

### **Financial Activities:**

**Bernie** explained that **Francis's** Liberty Tree Program has brought in \$360 and that there was a cost of \$80 that **Francis** donated back to the Board. The Board thanked **Francis**. **Dan** also explained that more checks for the Liberty Tree Program have come in and he will be getting those to **Bernie** this week.

(Motion)

**Ken** motioned to accept the treasurer's report, **Sherry** seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Big Tree Program:**

We invited **Matt Voithofer** and he has gotten involved in measuring Big Tree in Allegany County with guidance from **John Bennett**. **Dan** was able to also loan out the Forestry Board's Big Tree measuring tools to **Matt**.

**Matt** introduced himself as a forest landowner of Allegany County planning on retiring to this property in the future. He is also receiving land management assistance through a forestry consultant that just happens to be a Board member **Juls Wood**.

To date **Matt** has measured 16 Big Trees in Allegany County with significant size noted for both sycamore and silver maple, mostly along the Potomac River and C&O Canal. One of the trees had a recorded 381 points. These have all been turned in to **John Bennett**, who has recorded them into the State-wide system. There is also talk about some other significant-sized trees of other species being measured and properly ID.

For those that would like to talk with **Matt** and possibly assist him in the future, after Covid-19 restrictions are eased, his contact information is:

301-247-6502 (call or text) or [voither@md.metrocast.net](mailto:voither@md.metrocast.net)

Matt Voilthofer

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Hollywood, MD 20636

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26015 Gorman Road SE

Oldtown, MD 21555

### **MD Forest Service & Forestry Board Update due to Covid-19:**

**Dan** reported at this point the employees of the MD DNR Forest Service are on unlimited field time, but are limited on the amount of time to be spent in the office and are teleworking from home. **Ken** reminded the Board that there will be no in-person meetings or public events for the Forestry Board. He said we will have to stay with online/phone meetings for now.

**Dan** explained that Flintstone Elementary School won 5 trees in a DNR poster contest and that **Dan & Adam** had to develop a Covid-19 safety plan in writing, which was approved by the

Acting State Forester, so a demonstration could be presented to the class outside at Flintstone School to ensure that the trees were planted accurately.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 am**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Next meeting will be June 16, 2021.

**Attended Events:** (note, members need to attend at least 50% of yearly meetings to be in good standing)

- **January 26, 2021** - Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Webex: **Tom Mathews, Bernie Zlomek, Sherry Frick, Juls Wood, Dennis Bittinger, Steve Resh, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**
- **March 17, 2021** - Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Webex: **Tom Mathews, Bernie Zlomek, Sherry Frick, Dennis Bittinger, Steve Resh, Francis Zumbrun, Brad Metzger, Marie Miller and Dan Hedderick**
- **April 27, 2021** - Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Webex: **Bernie Zlomek, Sherry Frick, Francis Zumbrun, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts and Dan Hedderick**