

Minutes
Allegany County Forestry Board
September 15, 2022 from 9:30am – 12:00noon
MD DNR Forest Service Garage
To promote the stewardship, conservation and
sustainable use of forest resources in Allegany County

Call to Order:

Chairman's Signature: _____

- The meeting was called to order by Secretary Dan Hedderick at 10:00 am on September 15, 2022. Attendees included members: **Brad Metzger, Tom Mathews, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- Not in attendance: **Ken Roberts, Francis Zumbun, Dennis Bittinger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh and Sherry Frick (you will be missed)**
- Special Guests: **Blaine Bender** (City of Cumberland Forestry Department)
- **Note:** Special thank you to all that donated items for the cookout!

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2022

- **Completed** Develop the 2022 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Completed** Raise funds to support Allegany County Forestry Board
- **Started** Bring in new members
- **Exceeded with 7 meetings & 7 special events** Hold 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Completed** Complete all financial disclosure forms
- **Completed** Sign all Volunteer Forms
- **Exceeded with 3 students** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Completed** Promote outreach for NRCC
- **Completed** Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- **Completed** Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- **Completed** Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegany Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegany County Fair
- **Started** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Big Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- **Started** Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- Support 5 Million Tree Initiative
- **Started** Support the Family Forest Carbon Program
- **Completed** 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 2022 Annual Work Plan. The word "accomplished" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been completed.

Social 9:30am to 10:00 am

Prayer to Remember [Sherry Frick](#)

Bernie provided a prayer for the group in remembrance of [Sherry Frick](#), who passed away this past week after just announcing her resignation a month ago. She will be missed.

Minutes Reviewed:

Dan explained that minutes from August had a slight adjustment.

(Motion)

Juls motioned to accept the minutes seconded by **Brad**; all were in favor.

Financial Activities:

Bernie provided a report, and everything lines up nicely.

The funding coming in from the Forest Board Foundation for PLT was put on hold while they are changing accounts. They will be sending a new check shortly.

(Motion)

Juls motioned to accept the Treasures report seconded by **Brad**; all were in favor.

Urban Forestry

Dan explained that when Becky retired, several people stepped up to the plate, including Allegany Project staff, to cover things that would have been missed. Allegany Project is doing that again now that **Anita Simmons** has resigned after 3 months as the Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator.

Cumberland Watershed:

Dan invited **Blaine Bender**, Arborist and Licensed Tree Expert, to come and say hi to the Forestry Board. **Blains** told us his job description was changed to add in Anita's responsibilities with the Cumberland Forestry Department. He told us they have moved another person in to assist him with tree removals and plantings in the city. His plans are also to continue the harvesting in the City watershed by hiring a Forestry Consultant.

Membership:

Dan was asked by **Tom** what **Darrel William's** status is. **Dan** explained that **Darrel** is on a trip to Africa, and upon his return, he will work on his membership application, which might drift into next year before he sends that in.

Tom Mathews also told us he will be resigning from the board to spend time with family, etc.

Carbon:

Dan and **Tom** realized that the Board was on a different page as to the purpose of the landowner workshop. **Tom** had a broader view of management programs to be presented and **Dan** and the Board was focused on carbon.

Dan explained that **Steve** had approached the American Forestry Foundation about joining in on our workshop for landowners to present the topic of carbon credits. They are interested in helping.

Steve and a date will set.

Dan explained that [Sherry](#) was going to do the promotion, organization and mailing for the event, which will now need another volunteer.

Things that need to be accomplished before the event!

1. Obtain or develop a mailing list. There were discussions about generating a list via GIS, TNC and tax office information.
2. A flyer needs to be developed to be used as a mailing.
3. An announcement for the newspaper, etc. needs to be developed.
4. How do we pay for the mailing and handle postage? There was a suggestion about asking Extension since **Sherry** was looking into that. Also, there was a suggestion that maybe the American Forest Foundation or The Nature Conservancy would pay for the postage to promote their program. There were concerns presented about asking only one of the carbon purchasers to help when the program was to be for multiple carbon purchasers to present their information to the landowners of Allegany County.
5. Someone will need to contact the other carbon organizations that are offering to buy credits to be part of the event. These names should all be placed on the flyer to promote the event.

Five Million Trees:

Dan explained that there are 3 types of urban grants, and 2 of the 3 will need Forestry Board approval via a signature. The Board should be prepared for this to be a regular part of our meetings in the future. **Dan** is hopeful that the person that is hired to work on the 5 Million Tree program, based in the Pleasant Valley office, would be a part of making these grants easy for the Board to sign off on.

Cookout and Picnic MD DNR Forest Service Shop 11:00am until Noon

Upcoming Events:

- Possible Carbon Credit Workshop for Landowners. Date to be determined.

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

- **January 19, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick** (All members attended)
- **February 25, 2022:** PLT Workshop: **Sherry Frick, Bernie Zlomek and Francis Zumbrun**
- **March 3, 2022:** Statewide Forestry Board meeting: **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**
- **March 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **April 27, 2022:** Envirothon Event: **Tom Mathews, Francis Zumbrun, Julie Conway, Adam Miller**
- **May 20, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**
- **June 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Brad Metzger, Francis Zumbrun, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts, Dennis Bittinger, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **July 18, 2022:** Photo Judging Allegany County Fair: **Juls Wood, Tom Mathews, Champ Zumbrun, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek**
- **July 25 to 30, 2022:** NRCC: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Juls Wood**
- **August 11, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting Art Council: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**

- **August 18, 2022:** Richard A. Johnson Award was received by **Francis Zumbrun** at the Evergreen Heritage Center: **Bernie Zlomek, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh and Francis Zumbrun**
- **September 12, 2022:** Family Forest Carbon Meet and Greet hosted by TNC and America Forest Foundation: **Steve Resh, Juls Wood and Dan Hedderick**
- **September 15, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS shop: **Brad Metzger, Tom Mathews, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**