

Allegany County Forestry Board Minutes
June 20, 2024 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Darrel Williams House
15010 Clement Armstrong Road
Cresaptown, MD 21502

**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 Adam Miller at 6:00 pm on June 20, 2024. Attendees included members: **Bernie Zlomek, Annie Stark, Steve Resh, Darrel Williams, Francis Zumbrun, and Adam Miller**
- Special guest: **Katherine Phillips**
- Not in attendance: **Brad Metzger, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Marie Miller & Sarah Llewlyn**

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2024

- **Completed** Develop the 2024 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Started** Raise funds to support Allegany County Forestry Board
- **Started** Bring in new members
- **Started** Hold at least 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Completed** Complete all financial disclosure forms and Volunteer forms
- **Completed** Attend arbor day event at LaVale Library to present historic tree cookie
- **Completed** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Completed** Promote outreach for NRCC
- Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- **Completed** Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegany Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegany County Fair
- **Started** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- Support Big Tree Program
- **Started** Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- **Started** Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- **Completed** Conduct a county-wide 5th grade arbor day poster contest
- **Started** Review and approve urban tree planting grants such as MDOT & MUCFC

Note: Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2024 Annual Work Plan. The word "completed" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been accomplished.

Old Business

Review of Minutes:

Minutes were already reviewed electronically and sent into the public record.

Volunteer Hours (since last meeting): 112

Financial Activities:

Bernie provided a copy of the updated financial report and updated that the treasurer's report and bank account are balanced. Bernie made a motion to spend money of PLT workshop supplies, Steve seconded and the vote passed. Champ provided receipts for Liberty Tree expenses in order to be reimbursed.

Bob Webster Memorial Tree

Francis drafted a quote to honor Bob and shared with all to provide edits. Bernie made a motion that the board should pay for the plaque and Steven seconded and the vote passed. Final edits were made and agreed upon and Francis will get the plaque ordered soon.

Forestry Board Summit

Darrel Williams and Steve Resh attended the summit and provided an update to the board on the event. They reported that 26 Liberty Trees were handed out. One to each county, as well as Secretary Kurtz, and a few other people. They reported that all were appreciative and that they complimented our board (Champ) on such a great idea.

New Business

Photo Judging Competition at Allegany County Fair

Adam reminded the board that judging will be on Sunday, July 14, at 2pm at the Allegany County Fair grounds. The Allegany Arts Council will be partnering with our board to donate half of the prize money for the top 3 places.

Smokey's Reading Challenge

Marie is working with Rocky Gap State Park and local libraries to hold events. The board voted on and approved a small budget to buy some prizes for various age groups.

MD FS Staffing update

Adam provided an update on the latest MD Forest Service staffing changes.

Urban Update

Kat provided an update on the urban program. She mentioned that there could possibly be 3 upcoming urban grant applications for Fall of 2024. Details were worked out on who to contact in order to sign as Adam will be on vacation. Kat also mentioned that there is a new urban forestry camp that is open for enrollment later this summer. We should spread the word if we knew any potential good candidates.

Urban Forestry Camp and Forestry 101 Camp at Evergreen Heritage Center

There was some discussion about our board supporting these camps financially in the future. The board decided to wait and see how the camps go this year and then make a decision in the future on providing financial support. There was some concern about these camps competing with NRCC, which we already fully support.

Other suggestions and things to do

Invite secretary Kurtz to a PLT workshop

Process and submit Sarah Llewellyn's application

Upcoming Events:

- Tree photo judging contest and meeting at the Allegany County Fair. July 14, 2024
- NRCC July 21-27, 2024

- August meeting and presentation of prizes to photo contest winners. August 21, 2024

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

- **January 18, 2024:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley and Google Meets. **Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Darrel Williams, Julie Wood, Annie Stark, Francis Zumbrun and Adam Miller**
- **January 22, 2024:** Adam and Bernie met to work on the Forestry Board Facebook page. It was decided that a new page will be created. **Bernie Zlomek and Adam Miller**
- **February 9, 2024:** Champ attended 8 elementary schools across the county to promote the 5th grade arbor day poster contest. Annie helped to arrange this behind the scenes. **Francis Zumbrun and Annie Stark**
- **February 20, 2024:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley. **Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek, Darrel Williams, Julie Wood, Sarah Llewellyn (guest), Francis Zumbrun and Adam Miller**
- **March 8, 2024:** Facilitated a Project Learning Tree (PLT) Workshop at Frostburg State University (FSU). **Bernie Zlomek, Steve Resh, Champ Zumbrun, Adam Miller, Julie Conway & Kat Phillips.**
- **March 20, 2024:** March Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Julie Wood, Marie Miller, Brad Metzger, Adam Miller and Darrell Williams (virtual)**
- **March 20, 2024:** Interviewed a potential NRCC student from Allegany County at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Julie Wood, Marie Miller & Adam Miller**
- **March 25, 2024:** LaVale Civic Association open at the LaVale Library to display historic tree cookie, promote Forestry 101 camp at Evergreen, and to provide info and/or materials for tree planting event. **Julie Wood, Brad Metzger, and Champ Zumbrun**
- **April 1, 2024:** Interviewed a potential NRCC student from Allegany County at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Julie Wood, Champ Zumbrun, Marie Miller & Adam Miller**
- **April 13, 2024:** LaVale Civic Association tree give-a-way and tree planting event. 44 trees **Brad Metzger**
- **April 15, 2024:** Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery tree planting event. 16 trees. **Adam Miller, Kat Phillips, Julie Conway & Melissa Nash**
- **April 20, 2024:** LaVale Arbor celebration event where tree cookie and a liberty tree were publicly dedicated. **Brad Metzger and Champ Zumbrun**
- **April 22, 2024:** Cumberland Arbor Day Event. 12 trees were planted. **Adam Miller**
- **April 24, 2024:** Hosted forestry component of Allegany County Envirothon at Rocky Gap. **Bernie Zlomek, Champ Zumbrun, and Adam Miller**
- **April 30, 2024:** Completed a riparian buffer planting of 500 seedlings at Allegany College with approximately 35 highschool and college students. **Adam Miller, Marie Miller, Julie Conway, Kat Phillips, and Annie Stark**
- **May 6, 2024:** Interviewed a potential NRCC student from Allegany County at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Marie Miller and Adam Miller**
- **May 10, 2024:** Completed a tree planting at the Cumberland Episcopal Church. 33 trees were planted. **Adam Miller, Kat Phillips & Julie Conway**
- **May 14, 2024:** May Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Julie Wood, Marie Miller, Sarah Llewellyn, Adam Miller, Bernie Zlomek, Annie Stark, Darrell Williams, Steve Resh (virtual) and Champ Zumbrun (virtual)**
- **May 16, 2024:** Interviewed a potential NRCC student from Bedford County, PA at Pleasant Valley Forestry Office. **Marie Miller and Adam Miller**
- **June 10-12, 2024:** Forestry Board Summit Meeting. Handed out Liberty Trees. **(Steve Resh & Darrell Williams)**

- **June 20, 2024:** Summer picnic/meeting at Darrell's house. (**Bernie Zlomek, Annie Stark, Steve Resh, Darrel Williams, Francis Zumbrun, Adam Miller, and Kat Phillips**)
- **June 17-28, 2024:** Forestry 101 Camp at Evergreen Heritage Center. Juls wood was the camp director and Adam attended as a speaker at the camp. (**Juls Wood, Adam Miller, & Brad Metzger**)