

Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting
Sunday, July 13th 2025, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Allegany County Fairgrounds

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Chair, Marie Miller.

Members Present: Marie Miller, Champ Zumbrun, Bernie Zlomek, Juls Wood, Darrell Williams, Sarah Llewellyn, and Brad Metzger

Members Not in Attendance: Deborah Landau, Anne Stark, Steve Resh, and Adam Miller

Special Guests: None

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2025

- **Completed** Develop the 2025 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Started** Raise funds to support Allegany County Forestry Board
- **Started** Maintain current membership and welcome new members as appropriate
- **Started** Hold at least 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Started** Complete all financial disclosure forms and update Volunteer forms as needed
- **Completed** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Started** Promote outreach for NRCC
- Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- **Completed** Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- **Completed** plan and co-sponsor with Allegany Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegany County Fair
- **Started** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Liberty Tree Program and implement a Liberty Tree planting at the Allegany County Courthouse to be coordinated with July 4th event.
- **Started** 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
- **Completed** Review and approve urban tree planting grants such as MDOT & MUCFC
- **Started** Initiate planning to commemorate celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary with a representative big tree and public outreach event for 2026
- **Started** Support Real World Forestry program at Evergreen Heritage Center

Note: Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2025 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:

Prior meeting minutes were already reviewed online.

Volunteer Hours (Since last meeting): 26 hours total Bernie – 5, Champ – 7, Brad – 7 Sarah – 4, and Juls – 3

Financial Activities

Bernie provided a copy of the updated financial report. He reported that all accounts were balanced and up to date. Unspent urban grant money will be kept for future tree planting events.

Envirothon

Several board members assisted with both county and state Envirothon competitions this year. The state Envirothon was held at the Garrett County 4H center.

New Business:

Forestry Photo Contest 2025

The board voted on 12 photo entries at the county fair. The top 3 winners were determined and will be awarded prize money. Bernie will reach out to the winners and let them know that we will be holding on to their winning photos until we can award them their prize money in August. Adam will reach out to the Allegany Arts Council to confirm their co-sponsoring of the prize money and to see about a location to display the photos.

NRCC

In total 3 students are attending camp on behalf of the Allegany County board. All of their fees have been paid as a check was sent to Dawn Balinski with the Maryland Forestry Foundation. Several board members plan to assist with camp in one way or another.

Big Tree Program:

The board plans to have a big tree measuring field day on August 20th. An ACM work study student compiled a list of big trees to be re-measured (10 years). Adam will compile a list of new big trees to be measured.

Urban Tree Planting

Ted Hoxie has two plantings planned for this fall. Town of Westernport – 7 trees and city of Frostburg – 18 trees. He will use leftover urban grant money from spring of 2025 to pay for the plantings. No new grant applications need to be submitted.

Liberty Tree:

Champ and Brad provided a recap of the Liberty Tree planting at the Allegany County Courthouse on June 14th, 2025. The planting was a huge success and boy scouts raised the flag. The event was attended by Dawne Lindsey, Clerk of the Allegany County Circuit Court. Brad plans to make sure the tree is watered throughout the summer and is requesting help in doing so. Meanwhile, Liberty Tree requests continue to roll in as we approach the 250th celebration of our country.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting / Big Tree Measuring Day – August 20th

The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

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

- **January 15, 2025:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley. **Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Darrel Williams, Juls Wood, Sarah Llewellyn, Francis Zumbrun, Marie Miller, Bernie Zlomek and Adam Miller**
- **January 13, 2025:** Brad and Champ attended a virtual meeting with MD 250 group to talk about getting Liberty Trees. **Brad Metzger and Champ Zumbrun**

- **February 2025:** Sarah reached out to 5 schools promoting the arbor day poster contest. **Sarah Llewellyn**
- **February 28th, 2025:** PLT workshop at FSU for 18 elementary ed major students. **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun, Steve Resh, and Adam Miller**
- **March 5th, 2025:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley. Voted on 5th grade Arbor Day posters. **Darrel Williams, Juls Wood, Francis Zumbrun, Marie Miller, Bernie Zlomek and Adam Miller**
- **March 6th, 2025:** Attended statewide forestry board meeting at Greenbriar State Park. **Steve Resh and Adam Miller**
- **March 28th, 2025:** NRCC student interview with Abigail Squire at Pleasant Valley. **Juls Wood, Brad Metzger, Champ Zumbrun, and Adam Miller**
- **April 8th, 2025:** Attended Ag Awareness Day at Washington Middle School for 6th grade students. **Marie Miller, Adam Miller, and Sarah Llewellyn**
- **April 23rd, 2025:** County Envirothon at Rocky Gap State Park. **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun, and Adam Miller**
- **May 12th, 2025:** NRCC student interview with Lucas Colledge at Pleasant Valley. **Francis Zumbrun, Brad Metzger, and Adam Miller**
- **June 5th & 6th, 2025:** presented prize money to Allegany County 5th graders who were top 3 in the arbor day poster contest. **Sarah Llewellyn & Adam Miller.**
- **June 6th, 2025:** NRCC student interview with Luke Arkins at Allegany College. **Steve Resh, Marie Miller & Adam Miller**
- **June 11th & 12th, 2025:** Maryland State Envirothon competition at Garrett County 4H center. **Francis Zumbrun, Bernie Zlomek & Adam Miller**
- **June 14th, 2025:** Liberty Tree Planting at Allegany County Courthouse. **Francis Zumbrun & Brad Metzger**
- **June 23rd, 2025:** Attended Brad Metzger's retirement event after 35 years of service with MDE. **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun, Darrell Williams, Steve Resh & Adam Miller**
- **July 13th, 2025:** Forestry photo judging and July board meeting at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. **Bernie Zlomek, Marie Miller, Juls Wood, Brad Metzger, Sarah Llewellyn, and Darrell Williams.**