

## Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

June 18, 2024

**Attendees:** Vic Sanborn (via phone), Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Marc Lipnick, Kaitlyn Paulchell, Marie Walters, Ethan Gutberlet, Patrick Nash-Mercado, and Nathan House.

**Minutes:** Richard moved to accept the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Richard noted there is currently \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the primary account. The secondary account has \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Interns:** The college interns Marie Walters, Ethan Gutberlet, and Patrick Nash-Mercado introduced themselves to the board.

**5MT:** Kaitlyn gave a detailed overview of the 5MT initiative. Kaitlyn made handouts that were given to meeting participants, and the handouts were emailed to all board members. Marc asked about the cost per tree. Nathan explained it varies by the size of the planting, but it can be as low as \$10-\$20/tree for establishment. Glenn discussed the difficulty of recruiting church groups and schools to plant trees.

**Website:** Vic would like people to send topics and subjects to her to include on the website. The Urban Forestry Camp flyer will be added to the NRCC page on the website.

**Statewide FB Roundtable:** Annapolis meeting. Marc and Glenn enjoyed the Annapolis meeting. There were some long presentations, and there wasn't time for networking for the first two days. On the last day board members had time to network with other boards, and talk about projects boards were worked on. Glenn got a Tulip poplar offspring from the last Liberty Tree in Annapolis. Glenn has a certificate of authenticity for the tree offspring. It needs to be planted in Baltimore County, be publicly accessible, and may need informative signage. Richard suggested Cromwell Valley Park as a potential location to plant the tree. Marc suggested Hampton House as a possible planting location. They have 14-15 big trees and the champion Tulip Poplar which is not doing so well at Cromwell Valley Park. Glenn likes that idea. Vic thinks both of those locations are good options.

Gary Allen head of the state organization, is retiring soon, so he is looking for a replacement. He may stick around until he gets a couple more of his priority bills through.

Marc talked about the Trails and Ales program utilizing AllTrails maps as well. Marc spoke to Sandi Olek about his concerns about hunting being allowed for 6 days a week for months during the fall and winter and members of the public being in danger as a result. Sandi was not aware of the hunting policy, so it was an important topic Marc brought up. Nathan

agrees that there should be a better way to keep hikers safe on public lands, possibly by increasing informative signage and/or doing the more condensed, intense 2 days of hunting a season to reduce deer populations.

Glenn would like to see Envirothon re-established in Baltimore county. Soil Conservation previously ran Envirothon for Baltimore County. The person who used to run it no longer helps put on the event. Marie explained how the event works in Carroll county.

**NRCC:** There is an urban forestry camp now put on by the University of Maryland. There is a 3-year grant to get the camp going and to pay for students' tuition. Glenn showed off the brochure.

**Workshop:** The price for this coming year will be up to \$600 - \$650. March 22, 2025 is next year's workshop date. Vic spoke to Ryan Davis, Senior Forest Project Manager for the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay, and he agreed to speak at next year's workshop. The title "Fish Grow on Trees" works for his presentation. Julie will contact fungi expert Sarah Oktavec to ask if they'd be available next year. Marc will contact Brian to see if he'll be able to talk about the Old Growth Network at next year's workshop. Nathan will send out the sea level rise presentation from DNR's Nicole Carlozo to the board. She could be a possible speaker, but someone will need to reach out to her if the board is interested.

**Big Tree:** Marc said the next 10 trees being tagged at lake Roland will be marked at a hike at 2:30pm on Friday. Marc said the paperwork for Hemlock Gorge was submitted to the Old Growth Network, and he spoke to their forester. The Board of Public Works has to give final approval for the 6 acre parcel to be officially added as Maryland's 11<sup>th</sup> piece of forest with old growth characteristics (which can take a while).

Marc mentioned someone was concerned that the AllTrails map was not allowed for use showing the Big Trees at Lake Roland. AllTrails was contacted, and it turns out they don't have a problem with their maps being used as long as credit is given for their map.

**NEXT MEETING:** Cub Hill Ranger Station 7/9/2024 @ 1pm.

With no further business to discuss the Richard asked to adjourn. Nathan seconded, and the meeting ended.

The meeting ended @ 2:43 pm.