

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

October 10, 2024

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Marc Lipnick, Linda Barker, and Nathan House.

Minutes: Glenn moved to accept minutes, and the motion was passed by the board.

Treasurers Report: Richard noted there is currently \$____ in the primary account. The secondary account has \$2.00. \$265 was paid to keep the board's website name.

5 Million Tree Program: Nathan reported seed collection is well under way for the state nursery. Kaitlyn P. has contributed significantly to this region's seed collection efforts.

Backyard Buffers: Nathan shared the state nursery's new seedling catalog. The board looked over the catalog to decide what species to include for the BYB packet. The two shrubs selected are winterberry and serviceberry. The three trees selected by the board are pin oak, river birch, baldcypress. 500 seedlings will be ordered for 5 different species of trees/shrubs. Nathan will place the order.

Workshop: Richard and Glenn shared Oregon Ridge will now be available 30 minutes earlier, from 7:30am – 3:30pm. The board agreed it will be beneficial to have additional set-up time. The total cost to use Oregon Ridge is \$694.12. The board discussed raising the cost of admission. Last year's workshop had a total income of \$5,997. There were approximately \$2,900 of expenses, and a similar amount of net income. After deliberation, considering prices for similar educational events and the general year over year inflationary increases in costs, the board unanimously voted to raise the admission price of next year's workshop to \$60 for individuals and \$110 for couples. Glenn showed the preliminary table arrangement of the workshop to the board. It has been adjusted due to fire marshal requirements. There will be room for one less table than at last year's workshop. Glenn shared that Birds Unlimited wants to sell items at the event. They will fill out the proper paperwork needed to do that. They are being charged for the cost of one person's entry fee to attend and to be a vendor. The board discussed how the theme of the workshop should fit with the speaker's presentation titles. The titles for each presentation were discussed by the board. Title changes were brainstormed, and new titles will be recommended for some speakers. "Fish Grow on Trees" is the gold standard for catchy titles. Glenn asked that by the next forestry board meeting a few sentences for each presentation are provided from each speaker. The brochure should be in rough form by November and will hopefully go out to the public in December.

MAEOE workshop - Glenn strongly suggests Nathan attends event in Ocean City, February 2024.

Ag. Preservation Meeting: Glenn and Nathan attended the Baltimore County Agricultural Preservation's September meeting. It is an annual requirement for the Forestry Board and the Ag. Preservation Board to have representatives meet with each other. Glenn explained the purpose of the Ag. Preservation Board and how they deal with properties in permanent easements.

Big Tree: Marc showed the board narrated QR codes from signs located at Jug Bay Natural Area; a great example of how to engage the public.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 11/12/2024 @ 1pm.

With no further business to discuss Richard asked to adjourn. This motion was seconded.

The meeting ended @ 3:11 pm.

