

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

November 12, 2024

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Julie Wadsworth, Vic Sanborn, Carol Lancaster, Richard Anderson, Marc Lipnick, Kaitlyn Paulchell, & Nathan House

Minutes: Richard moved to accept the minutes. Glenn asked for a vote, and the motion to approve the minutes was passed by the board.

Treasurers Report: Richard shared that there is currently \$_____ in the primary account.

Workshop: Vic will take all the presentation descriptions and work on getting them edited to fit together on the brochure. The board changed the title to Birds, Lawns, Trees, Fish, & Seas. The board reviewed all the working presentation titles and adjusted them as needed. Vic asks when the deadline is for publishing the brochure. Vic, Richard, and Glenn decided the deadline should be the first week of December. Lights Out Baltimore have not yet submitted their presentation description. Vic will email the Lights Out Baltimore contact after the meeting to ask for her finalized presentation summary and title for use in the brochure. Julie shared that the new chairs at Oregon Ridge are wider, so only 7 chairs can fit at each table. There are 14 tables and additional seating around the perimeter of the room. There will be a 100-person registration limit. Attendees will be told to show up at 8:30, and morning snacks available again this year.

Re-Appointment: Board members worked on or completed forestry board re-appointment forms.

Schoolyard Forest Initiative: Glenn and Carol recommend the MFS Community Forestry Coordinators get in touch with the organizers of the Green Schools Initiative through MAEOE. The board shared some recommendations for the new program based on members past experiences: The principal and grounds crews at the schools need to be onboard to get plantings done. Science and Environmental Issues clubs can be a good route to introduce projects. Kaitlyn shared that the Forestry Coordinators are starting with the school boards and working their way down to the schools, but the program is still new. Beyond tree planting, there is a desire for mentorship and internship programs. Kaitlyn will let Jordan and Terry know they are welcome to come to a future forestry board meeting for further input, but much has changed since board members implemented a similar program decades ago.

State Meeting: Marc and Glenn attended the state meeting in Washington Grove in Montgomery County. Glenn passed around the chestnut signup form at the meeting. Only 3 people signed up. Glenn shared that almost 1 million trees have been planted towards the

5 Million Tree initiative so far. Glenn shared that the lack of diversity on the boards is starting to get attention.

Gary Allen and Dawn Balinski will only stay for one more year. They are hoping to get the legislature to fully fund replacements for their positions.

Big Tree: Marc did final edits for all the information on the Lake Roland Website. Marc just got an email informing him all 32 trees measured are now added to the Website. Marc brought up that the first two batches of trees measured at Lake Roland were added to the website, but the second batch was not added previously. Marc shared that the QR codes in the park, linking to information about the trees, have received compliments from park goers.

The University of TN has taken on responsibility for the Big Tree Website.

Website: The board reviewed the tentative workshop schedule currently posted on the website's home page by Vic. Once all the workshop information is finalized, Vic will remove the preliminary workshop informative page and add all the workshop information under the *Yearly Workshop* tab.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 12/10/2024 @ 1 pm

With no further business, to discuss the board voted to end the meeting @ 3:05 pm