

## Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

December 10, 2024

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

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

**Treasurers Report:** Richard shared with Nathan that there is currently \$----- in the primary account.

**Workshop:** The board folded workshop brochures. Richard asked board members if they would like to pay for new shirts around \$29 a piece. Linda, Nathan, and Marc were not interested in buying new shirts. Richard said the purchase of new shirts will be put on hold for now. The board considered strategies for advertising the workshop using brochures. The contacts on the board's "Advertising Contacts List" were reviewed to keep the list up-to-date.

**5 Million Trees Initiative:** Kaitlyn introduced the idea to the board of applying for the MDOT tree planting grant on behalf of a landowner living in Pikesville. Kaitlyn passed around a tentative planting map based on a recent field visit. The board suggested removing a few trees from the tentative planting plan due to property size constraints. Eastern Red Cedar, Serviceberry, and Persimmon were a few species that Carol suggested as possible options to plant. Marc and Linda shared significant concerns they had about the idea, including that the neighborhood appears to be well off, it could be considered paying for landscaping, and the precedent it would set for other landowners wanting trees. Nathan explained more background - the 5 Million Trees Initiative requires 500,000 trees are planted in "underserved" communities as defined by a 2021 map.

2 Schoolyard Forest Initiative folks with Maryland Forest Service will join the January meeting. Carol suggests that the Western Tech and Sparrows Point Schools are good potential first contacts for the initiative.

**Big Tree:** Marc shared the good news from Brian Kane, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Outreach Manager, that the old growth hemlock grove at Prettyboy Reservoir is in the final stages of being officially declared as such. It will be the first grove of old growth officially designated in Baltimore County.

**NEXT MEETING:** Cub Hill Ranger Station 2/10/2025 @ 1 pm

With no further business, to discuss the board voted to end the meeting @ 3:24 pm