

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

March 4, 2025

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Julie Wadsworth, Carol Lancaster, Victoire Sanborn (call-in), Richard Anderson, Marc Lipnick, Kaitlyn Paulchell, & Nathan House

Minutes: Richard moved to accept the minutes. Julie seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report: Richard shared with Nathan that there is currently \$----- in the primary account. Not capture in the current balance - Glenn gave workshop payments for 22 people to Richard, pretty much all at \$60/person. Richard will pay the Cecil board \$50 for the NRCC display's new lights.

Workshop: Glenn confirmed food orders for a few more presenters and for MFS staff. Glenn shared there are 25 spots still available for signups. Only 1 couple has signed up with Venmo so far. Kaitlyn shared Mr. Waring also wants to sign up for the workshop and that she will send him a link. Vic will share on the website next week that there are only a few slots left open for signups. Vic will also make a post asking for people to bring books for the book exchange and bring their own refillable bottle for drinking water the week of the workshop. Nathan shared that he emailed all the people on the backyard buffer signup list with a link for workshop sign up. Richard took care of putting together all the green folders already. Inventory of any door prizes should be sent to Carol. The board discussed potentially making the start time later next year or even making the workshop every other year. Participants may be asked for input during the workshop. Oregon Ridge has tentatively arranged for hosting next year's workshop on March 21, 2026. Board members and MFS will wear green.

5 Million Trees Initiative: Kaitlyn shared that the MUCFC grants were funded. The MDOT application for the battlefield planting will be funded if MDOT determines that they are allowed to send funds to another state agency. The 5 neighbors' MDOT application did not get funded because it was, "outside of scope". Kaitlyn will still work with the landowners to try to get them tree seedlings or saplings to plant. Kaitlyn shared that she tabled the Maple Sugaring Event at Oregon Ridge despite high winds and shared NRCC flyers as well as info on tree planting.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: During the submission window, board members dropped off poster contest information for 7th District, 5th District, Sparks, Our Lady of Grace, Perry Hall, & Gunpowder Elementary Schools. The forestry Board selected the top posters for the contest from all the submissions. Ryan will pick up the posters from Cub Hill. The 1st place poster is from Yusra Ismail, 2nd place is from Inaaya Tauseef, & 3rd place is from Mason Groves.

NRCC: The paperwork for the student who applied last year (but broke his arm and couldn't go) is pretty much good to go. Glenn shared that Burhan will be interviewed at 4pm today as a potential Camp attendee by himself and Julie. Another student named Layla will also need an interview set up soon. The twins will not be interviewed because they are not communicating. Kaitlyn said she can share info about NRCC signup with some of her contacts. As of now, the deadline for signups is sometime in April.

Chestnuts: Glenn suggested 4/15 as a sorting date. He will reach out to the nursery soon and ask for a count of the seedlings. Then, a check can be made out to the nursery accounting for the correct number of seedlings. Participant pickup for Backyard Buffers and Chestnuts seedlings will be on 4/24 & 4/25.

Big Tree: The Hemlock Gorge celebration next Tuesday, but event details are mostly unknown. Marc was not copied on the email chain with Brian. 20600 Gunpowder Rd. is the address. Parking will be on the shoulder of the road before and after the bridge.

The board unanimously approved paying roughly \$180 to print a batch of big tree flyers. Marc informed board members about a Big Tree Hike at Hampton Mansion which will be limited to 15 participants. It will be April 30th unless it rains. MPT will be filming it for a series on the outdoors.

Misc.:

- Kaitlyn shared that Jordan will be the primary contact for the schoolyard forest initiative.
- Nathan encouraged all members to attend the statewide workshop on Thursday, virtually or in person to learn about board changes statewide.
- Glenn shared he went to a leadership meeting recently and learned that even with the state cuts, so far DNR staffing has been spared reductions thanks to the governor.
- Nathan asked Vic if she could put information on the website about the volunteer shelter and reuse program that will begin soon at Oldfields school. Kaitlyn will share information to be posted with Vic.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 4/15/2025 @ 1 pm

With no further business to discuss, the board voted to end the meeting @3:34 pm