



Chair - James Arnold

Secretary - Dakota Durcho ; *Stand-in, Anna Twigg*

Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes

March 10th 2025

Members Present: Chuck Farmer, Tom Anderson, Jim Arnold, Mike Kay, Clarence Tipton, Bruce Phillips

Absent: Keith, Dave

Guests: A. Twigg

Treasurer's Report - Mike Kay

Not much to report, the only expense was the \$364 reservation fee at Frederick Community College

Logging Site Exams

Bruce Phillips & Dakota attended a site review in the Myersville area, the Tucker site. The Tucker site had a selective black walnut harvest.

No additional logging site exams have come up within the past month.

Urban Forestry

Bruce Phillips discussed Big Tree ID along the C&O Canal

A Yellow Poplar by the City of Frederick Visitors Center qualified with 300 pts. Bruce notes that this location could be a good PR opportunity since it's in such a public space. Jim proposed getting a placard for this tree.

Outreach

- Nature Notes - no news
- Website- Jim said the website was up to date

- May 15th Tree Planting Workshop -
 - Contact municipalities
 - Anna will send out a list of municipality contacts
 - Proposed contacting Linda Williamson and Shannon Moore to get the word out to the county. Tom will send the flyer and draft agenda to Shannon.
 - Mike Kay presented a draft news article for the Frederick News Post
 - Mike will request for this article to be included in the FNP every week or every other week up until the event.
 - Mike proposed sending outreach information to property management companies, HOAs, or land developers
 - Mike has sent out communications to the mailing lists of SAF and ISA to invite folks who will need CEU credits
 - Bruce sent outreach to FALCAN
 - Chuck Farmer mentioned that the Farm Bureau will send out info as well
 - Clarence suggested we add the flyer to Tractor Supply Company community bulletin boards or other hardware shops
 - Mike proposed we touch base with the speakers to share the draft agenda
 - Bruce contacted Liana Gomoro-Ruben and Jenny Willoughby
 - Mike will contact Craig Highfield
 - Tom would like to get flyers out for the 3/12 Bartlett Tree event
 - Jim requested that we have the outreach listed above complete by the end of March 2025
 - Mike requested that information be shared on the board Facebook and Instagram

New Business

- a. Moving Forward Under The Proposed Restructuring
 - i. Questions about county-level membership and determining members.
 - ii. Jim would like to institute by-laws for the county-level board
 1. Mike says the board should wait on this to see how the restructuring pans out
 2. Mike worries that the enthusiasm to be part of the county-level board will dwindle with these changes
- b. Discussion on Moving Meeting Times:
 - i. Mike prefers morning meetings, but worries this will keep folks from joining, particularly young people. Tom would prefer early afternoon. Clarence is ok with 3-4 in the afternoon.
- c. Mobilize Frederick
 - i. Jim let the board know about the Cooler Neighborhoods Project
 - ii. Mike suggested having Kylie speak about this program at the May 15th event.
 - iii. Idea to invite a Mobilize Frederick member to the next FCFCDDB meeting
- d. Arbor Day Poster Contest Voting

- i. 1st Place Winner: Sabillasville Environmental School
- ii. 2nd Place Winner: Myersville Elementary School
- iii. 3rd Place Winner: Myersville Elementary School

Adjournment