



Chair – Jim Arnold
Secretary – Dakota Durcho

Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2025

Members Present: M. Kay, T. Anderson, K. Schoonover, C. Farmer, B Phillips, J. Arnold, D. Durcho
Guests: K. Kyde

NRCC: The board interviewed our 3rd NRCC Candidate Ava. The vote was unanimous to accept her for the camp.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for May was \$7,744.73. There was one deposit over the past month, for the FCC refund for \$364.00. A total of \$0.16 interest was accrued. There were two withdrawals; one was for the Panera order for \$268.87 and the other was for Weis for \$86.99. These purchases were made to support the annual pesticide refresher. The months end balance was \$7,753.03.

Logging Site Exams: One plan was received over the past month. This plan was prepared by forester Greg Baker. The proposed harvest is made up of about 26 acres. The goal is to reduce stocking to an adequate level by harvesting economically mature timber. Low grade wood such as beech, blackgum, red maple, and black birch will also be removed to set the forest up for another harvest in another 10 years. Dakota will schedule a time with the board to review the site.

Outreach:

1. Community

1. We discussed planting a tree (or trees) for Claude Eans memorial at Waterford Park. It was decided that Jim would reach out to Ginny Brace to set up a meeting to hash out details before moving forward. The plan is to plant the trees this coming fall.

2. A list of workshop topics were compiled over the past month. The board decided that we would prioritize the list and choose the top 4 topics and discuss at the July meeting. We are planning to host a smaller workshop at a local library, Fox Haven, Ole Mink Farm, or similar. A motion was made to host a 2 hour evening meeting in the late October early November timeframe. The board unanimously agreed.

2. Urban Forestry

1. The Maryland Big Tree Program put a draft together regarding how to handle multi-stemmed trees moving forward. At the present the current measuring method will remain in place, however some changes to multi-stemmed stump sprout measurements may be changing. Further details will follow and, before approval, will be open for comment by interested board members.

2. Bruce and Dakota measured an eastern red bud in Middletown over the past month, but it was not large enough to qualify for the Big Tree Program. There are several large trees (basswood) out in



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front of Monocacy Brewing, that Jim mentioned. Once permission is granted, we will measure the largest tree(s). Kerrie mentioned a large silver maple that she spotted along Carpenter Road. She will reach out to the landowner for permission.

3. There are 12 Big Trees that need remeasured in 2025 and 26 in 2026.

4. Mike's Big Tree article was posted in the FNP.

https://www.fredericknewspost.com/places/local/frederick_county/the-big-tree-program-and-native-trees-not-found-frederick-county-big-tree-list/article_e5f6c1b1-0600-55f6-b9be-287cd3115ec0.html

5. We discussed a way of recognition for Frederick Big Tree participants. Some ideas include a gathering, a tour, or even a Big Tree of the Year award to show appreciation for the program.

6. Bruce replaced the missing/damaged tree walk tags at Baker Park over the past month.

3. Media

1. Nature Notes: We will prepare nature notes as time allows.

2. Website: Jim has continued to keep the website up to date. He will update the website with information about the missing Big Trees.

3. Social Media: We continue to grow our FB & IG presence.

New Business

Clarence's email has not been working, so we will try to reach him via other means so that he is kept in the loop regarding board affairs.

Dakota will send Kerrie a forestry board membership application.

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