



Chair – Jim Arnold
Secretary – Dakota Durcho

Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025

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

Guests: K. Kyde

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for July was \$7,438.19. There was one deposit over the past month, for \$11,323.65. This was a combination of 7 different MDOT/MUCFC tree planting grants. These funds will be disbursed over the next few weeks to the designated recipients. A total of \$0.16 interest was accrued. There were no withdrawals over the past month. The month's end balance was \$18,762.00.

Logging Site Exams: One timber harvest review was received over the past month. This plan was submitted by Brian Blickenstaff. This harvest is approximately 30 acres in size. A total of 272 trees will be cut. The objective of the harvest is to remove economically mature timber and to generate income. Dakota will reach out to the board to set a time to review the harvest.

Outreach:

1. Community

1. We discussed the proposed memorial tree planting at Waterford Park. It was decided that two blackgums would be planted. A motion was made to purchase the two 2" caliper trees from Raemelon Farm, in addition to two gator bags, and tree protection fencing for the trees. City of Frederick staff will plant the trees; however, we need to confirm if they will pick them up as well. Raemelon can also deliver if necessary. The plan is to plant sometime in October. Jim did some research on benches. Prices ranged from \$1,500 to \$2,100 for a powder coated steel bench. Kerrie will check with her contact for another price. We discussed plaques for the bench, but no agreement was made. It was suggested that folks bring their ideas to the next meeting to discuss.

2. The board motioned and agreed to postpone the next forestry board workshop until February. Kerrie said that it would be difficult for her to prepare for the meeting, as she is in the process of moving. Additionally, we would be tight on time regarding preparation and promotion of such an event. Jim did some digging on venues and proposed the Middletown Library based on previous conversation with the board. We could use the library free of charge and still provide light refreshments and have a donation jar. Mike has put a rough agenda together.

2. Urban Forestry

1. Jim and Bruce measured the largest linden at Monocacy Brewing in downtown Frederick. It is the second largest in Frederick County with 247 points. Mike, Tom, and Dakota measured a shortleaf pine at Stronghold. This is the largest shortleaf pine in Frederick County with 140 points. The board



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recently received a new request for a yellow-poplar. We are waiting for verification from the landowner before proceeding. Doug Inkley, of the Washington County Board, has been looking for big trees in Frederick and has found a black cherry and a Kentucky coffee tree that we will also measure soon. The 12 remeasures we will start later in the fall once things cool down.

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. Orphan trees page has been put together and updated.
3. Social Media: We continue to grow our FB & IG presence.

New Business

The board discussed the current meeting time of 1:30pm. A motion was made and accepted to move the meeting time to 3:00pm for three additional months to see if this time works better.

Keith mentioned that yellow-poplar leaves are turning yellow because of moisture extremes, and thought that it would be a good Nature Notes article.

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