



Chair – Jim Arnold
Secretary – Dakota Durcho

Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

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

Guests: Al Goetzl, Laurie Jenkins

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for March was \$5,087.41. There were no deposits over the past month. Interest accrued was \$0.11. There were three withdrawals. The first was for \$15.45 for the cost of the board's website domain, the second was for \$603.56 for the cost of forestry tools that will be loaned out to Envirothon students, and the third was for \$556.25 for the cost of the bench sign at Waterford Park. The months end balance was \$3,912.26.

Logging Site Exams: There were no logging site exams submitted over the past month.

Arbor Day Posters: We received 29 posters from four schools. The board voted and picked our top three. Posters will be picked up by Anna at Gambrill and transported to Annapolis.

Outreach:

1. Community

1. The bench at Waterford Park was installed by Frederick City DPW over the past month. The blackgum description sign was also received, which Keith now has possession of. We discussed mounting options and placement of this sign, but a decision has yet to be made. Mulching was also discussed, but a final decision was not made. A dedication ceremony will be planned for the fall, to highlight the crimson leaf color. Details on the event will follow, but we would like to invite past members to attend, have a brief keynote, followed by some refreshments. It may also be a good opportunity to invite media such as the FNP to attend.



2. The next workshop we would like to host is on tree health, this would be through a partnership with Hood College. The walk would take place around campus with an arborist. A 1-hour presentation would also accompany this walk. An arborist, formerly from Bartlett, has offered to help. Dakota will check with Josh Dunk the Frederick City Arborist, to see if he would be interested. Timeframe for this walk/workshop would be September.



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3. The board attended the Middletown Green Expo on 3/28. It was very cold that day and turn out wasn't great, but there were still 50 or so people that stopped by the booth. We will plan to attend next year.
4. We will be attending the Thurmont Green Fest on April 18th from 10am – 2pm. Kerrie and Mike will take the 10-12 time slot and Chuck and Bruce will take the 12-2 time slot. Seedlings will be distributed at the event. Other handouts and materials are being prepared for handout at this event as well.
5. Jim will be attending the AstraZeneca Earth Day event on April 29th from 10am – 2pm.
6. The board will assist with the City Nature Challenge, which is being sponsored by Mobilize Frederick. Mike will be hosting a tree walk at Gambrill State Park.

2. Urban Forestry

1. Bruce and Keith remeasured Keith's two big trees. His red oak scored 336 points and his black oak scored 311 points. Both of these trees are second to county champions. Bruce has 4 more trees that he has permission to measure, which he would like to do later this week.

Marc Lipnick nominated two more trees near Point of Rocks. A large sycamore with 401 points and a yellow-poplar with 398 points.

3. Media

1. Nature Notes: Jim and Kerrie are working to reinvigorate this initiative. Kerrie would like to write and submit one per month to the FNP, with one member taking a month every month on a rotating basis. A sign up sheet was sent around at the meeting.
2. Website: Jim continues to keep the website up to date.
3. Social Media: We continue to grow our FB & IG presence.

Charter / Handbook

Only a few members fully read the Charter / Handbook that was sent out. Both Tom and Bruce are okay with it. Everyone else will review it and discuss further at the May meeting.

New Business

Chuck mentioned that the PA wood trailer will be in Waynesboro on April 25th from 11am – 4pm if any member wanted to check it out in advance of the Frederick Fair later in September. The location of the event will be at the Buttonwood Nature Center – 10356 Amsterdam Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268. Chuck also mentioned that he met with Frederick Fair staff to determine its placement.



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A motion was made to fully support the annual pesticide refresher with funds to purchase drinks and breakfast items for the event. Proceeds from the event will pay the board back, with additional funds generated being donated back to the board.