

Minutes
Allegany County Forestry Board
August 11, 2022 from 9:00am – 10:30am
Allegany Arts Council
To promote the stewardship, conservation and sustainable use of forest resources in Allegany County

Call to Order:

Chairman's Signature: _____

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Roberts at 9:02 am on August 11, 2022. Attendees included members: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- Not in attendance: **Tom Mathews, Sherry Frick, Francis Zumbrun, Dennis Bittinger**
- Special Guests: **Madyson Smith, William Barb, Amy Stonebreaker and Debbie Lipman (Assistant Director Allegany County Art Council)**
- **Note:** Special thank you to **Bernie** for bring pastries from M&M Bake Shop!

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2022

- **Completed** Develop the 2022 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Completed** Raise funds to support Allegany County Forestry Board
- **Started** Bring in new members
- **Started with 5 meetings & 4 events** Hold 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Completed** Complete all financial disclosure forms
- **Completed** Sign all Volunteer Forms
- **Exceeded with 3 students** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Completed** Promote outreach for NRCC
- **Completed** Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- **Completed** Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- **Completed** Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegany Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegany County Fair
- **Started** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Big Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- **Started** Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- Support 5 Million Tree Initiative
- **Started** Support the Family Forest Carbon Program
- **Completed** Look into new programs with guest speakers to keep members educated on what is new

Note: Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2022 Annual Work Plan. The word "accomplished" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been completed.

Photo Awards:

Awards were handed out for the photo contest held at the Allegany County Fair. There were 11 entries in partnership with the Allegany Art Council. We were joined by **Debbie Lipman** with the Allegany Art Council.

First Place: **Madyson Smith** \$100

Second Place: **William Barb** \$50

Third Place: **Amy Stonebreaker** \$25



Minutes Reviewed:

Dan explained that minutes from June had a slight adjustment.

(Motion)

Brad motioned to accept the minutes seconded by **Juls Wood** all were in favor.

Financial Activities:

Bernie provided a report, and everything lines up nicely.

There were positive comments that we have funding for two more students for next years NRCC.

Cumberland Watershed:

Dan asked the City when they were going to fill the forester's position and he was told that the Mayor and City Council are talking about the position.

Big Tree Program:

The Allegany County Forestry Board reaffirmed their earlier position on not needing to be trained for the Big Tree Program. If a nomination comes to the board our 7 experienced forester members feel they can review the nomination and send it to the Big Tree Committee for final approval.

Membership:

Dan mentioned that **Darrel Williams**, Allegany County landowner and forester by education, is interested in becoming a member. **Dan** sent an application to him, which will be brought to our next meeting once it arrives.

NRCC:

Charlotte Crawford was named *Camper of the Week* and was one of the 3 students we sent to NRCC. We received 2 thank you notes just before the meeting and 1 additional thank you the day of the meeting.

Marie reported that there were 8 groups of students with 40 students total. She said our Allegany County students were very successful. There were some discipline issues with other students.

There were a few scheduling issues with bad weather, but overall camp was good. **Marie** is looking for camp job descriptions to be created so that everyone remembers their roles and new people know what is expected of them while assisting with NRCC.

Carbon:

Steve and **Marie** have secured space at Allegany College. **Dan** told the group that TNC is offering to help with their address list so we can invite the landowners. **Steve** said he is looking at the first or second week of November for the event.

Dan announced the TNC is holding a meet-and-greet with foresters to talk about carbon and the Board members are invited on September 12 from 2 to 4 at White Pine Pavilion at Rocky Gap. **Dan** and **Ken** expressed that this event is not to compete or take the place of our landowner carbon workshop. Please RSVP to **Donnelle Keech** if going.

Five Million Trees:

Dan explained that employees of the MD DNR Forest Service are potentially working on grants and 2 out of 3 of the grant types need Forestry Board review and signatures. The Board should be prepared for this to be a regular part of our meetings in the future.

State Forester Update:

Dan explained we were about to go through another rotation for Acting State Forester from **Anne Hairston-Strang** to **Kenneth Jolly** when **Anne** contacted everyone and told them that the Secretary had put a hold on the rotation because there was progress in selecting the next State Forester. No word yet.

Upcoming Events:

- **September 12, 2022** - Family Forest Carbon Project meet and greet with foresters
- **September 15, 2022** - Forestry Board meeting

Attended Events: (note, members need to attend at least 50% of yearly meetings to be in good standing)

- **January 19, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun** and **Dan Hedderick** (All members attended)
- **February 25, 2022:** PLT Workshop: **Sherry Frick, Bernie Zlomek** and **Francis Zumbrun**
- **March 3, 2022:** Statewide Forestry Board meeting: **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun** and **Dan Hedderick**
- **March 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek** and **Dan Hedderick**
- **April 27, 2022:** Envirothon Event: **Tom Mathews, Francis Zumbrun, Julie Conway, Adam Miller**
- **May 20, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Francis Zumbrun** and **Dan Hedderick**
- **June 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Brad Metzger, Francis Zumbrun, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts, Dennis Bittinger, Bernie Zlomek** and **Dan Hedderick**
- **July 18, 2022:** Photo Judging Allegany County Fair: **Juls Wood, Tom Mathews, Champ Zumbrun, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek**
- **July 25 to 30, 2022:** NRCC: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Juls Wood**

- **August 11, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting Art Council: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **August 18, 2022:** Richard A. Johnson Award was received by **Francis Zumbrun** at the Evergreen Heritage Center: **Bernie Zlomek, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh and Francis Zumbrun**