

## BALTIMORE COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2023

**ATTENDEES:** Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Vic Sanborn (via ZOOM), Marc Lipnick, Carol Lancaster, Linda Barker and Rob Prenger.

**MINUTES:** Glenn asked members to review the May minutes which they did. Richard made a motion to approve minutes. Marc provided a second. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Richard provided report. Account #1: \$0,000.00. Account #2: \$0.00. Two checks were written after report: fruit basket for Glenn and printing fees for Marc. Baltimore County did finally cash the check for the Oregon Ridge Lodge rental.

**NRCC:** We still do not have any applicants. There are 42 students signed-up as well as a wait list. We had 5 students last year. Glenn thinks that we should make a donation for one scholarship, i.e.. we sponsor one student from another county. He made a motion to put up \$500.00 to do this, Richard seconded, all were in favor. Motion passed.

**BIG TREE PROGRAM:** Marc distributed his most recent Big Tree brochure. The chestnut trees at Oregon Ridge were discussed. Linda would like to get a chestnut on the list.

**BACKYARD BUFFER PROGRAM:** Glen asked Rob to discuss this. Rob said that we distributed 2,500 seedlings this year for BYB. One-hundred packs with 25 seedlings in each. We did 2,000 last year.

**WORKSHOP:** Vic contacted Phoenix Wildlife about them being a presenter at next year's workshop. They require a proposal be sent to them. They charge for transport, set-up, etc. It comes to roughly \$250 per hour. They estimate a total package of 2 to 3 hours. They would bring 4 birds. Vic volunteered to pay for one hour herself. Way too expensive. Richard mentioned that we only cleared \$1,200 this past year. These fees would eat most of that up. Linda asked what the fee for Nancy Lawson would be? Linda offered her a table on which to display her books. It would give her more exposure but could also be quite expensive. Carol believes that she is quite expensive. Linda is emailing with her. Glen and Richard suggested offering her a \$200.00 stipend. Carol mentioned Joan Maloof of the Old Growth Network. She sells her books as well. Marc felt Lawson would be a good fit. Glen mentioned that Kerry said yes to presenting. Glen asked about Phoenix Wildlife. Cost was too prohibitive. Glen said no and the Board agreed. Glen said to offer Lawson a \$200.00 fee. Richard made a motion and Carol seconded. All were in favor. Carol mentioned that Audubon at Patterson Park had some good speakers. She will look further into this. Richard said Kerry will speak on "Woody Plants for Wildlife" or "Spiders". Carol was supportive of the Old Growth Forestry Network. She said that Brian Kane works with Carol Maloof, however, he can't commit until the Fall of 2023. Carol said Kerry, Nancy, Brian (Marc left message with Sam) are all possibilities. Carol said that Gene Scarpulla was also a possibility. He would most likely speak on birds and/or bees. Glen also mentioned that we may want someone to speak on the big fire at Soldiers Delight this year. Something like a one year out update on what's happening in the burned areas. Marc to contact the park. Carol recapped the Big Five: Kerry, Lawson, Audubon, Soldiers Delight and Native Bees.

**WEBSITE:** Vic said that for a variety of reasons she hasn't been able to devote a lot of time to the website but that she would be back on it soon.

**NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2023, 1:00 PM, Cub Hill Ranger Station.**

With no further business to discuss, Richard made a motion to adjourn, which Marc provided a second for.

The meeting ended at 3:30 PM.

The most dangerous tree burns skin, and strips paint from cars.



*The manchineel tree. Image from [Industry Tap](#)*

The manchineel tree grows across the tropical region of the Americas, and within its bark, leaves, and fruit is a milk-white sap that can burn skin, singe your eyes, and strip paint from cars. If you're brave enough to eat its apple-like fruits, your stomach can severely bleed, your airways can close up, and you may go into shock. The Spanish call this tree the "little apple of death," presumably after some poor devil ate one of its fruits. The machineel is so toxic that the Caribs—an indigenous American Indian tribe—used it to poison the water supply of their enemies. It's one of the most toxic trees in the world<sup>3</sup>.