



Members: Elliot Weidow, Zoe Gensheimer, Matt Rescott, Amanda Cunningham, Ted Martello, Anne Gilbert (Secretary), Katie Lauter, Justin Bowers, Bob Black, Sandy Sparks, Fred Chalfant, Sean O'Maille, Ray Iturralde

Youth Members: Maxine George, Nayev Pumphrey

Guests: Gabriella Demczuk (Photo Journalist), Jason Schwab (Cecil Co. Zoning), Phyllis Fung (TreeKeeper), James Wolf (Friends of Stony Run)

Start Time: 5:30pm

- **Welcome** - 5 min (Elliot)
 - Introductions: Share your role and/or skills and interests
 - Ted Martello – Forest Bathing/ Nature Therapy
 - May 2nd and 9th – Join walks at Cylburn Arboretum through Rec & Parks
 - Find who's land you're on - <https://native-land.ca/>
 - Nature Therapy Resources: <https://www.natureandforesttherapy.org/>
- **Treasurer's Report** - 5 min (Amanda)
 - One expense: \$254.40 for Weebly website (2 years domain coverage)
 - Balance: \$8,475.67
- **Working Groups Update** - 35 min (Elliot)

Report out from each group. Reminder to use the [Google Drive folders](#) and always CC the BCFB Gmail

- **Engagement:** *Jenny, Fred, Anne, Zoe G, Amanda, Sean, Charlie, Ray, Jill*
 - Need committee leadership or this group will go dormant
 - Destination Hike - DNR/ Anne: 3-mile Destination Hike/tree planting event with Friends of Stony Run - Saturday, May 1st 10am. Trees donated by MDNR Gift of Trees program.
<https://www.destinationhike.com/events/tree-planting-destination-outdoors>





- **Advocacy:** *Katie, Amanda, Matt, Zoe C.W., Sean, Sarah, Jill, Charles B, Sylvester*
 - No meeting this month
 - Tree Ordinance Committee:
 - Private Property/ Heritage Tree Regulation update to Forest Conservation Act is progressing
 - Working with pro bono attorney about equity components based on existing legislation in other cities
- **TreeKeepers:** *Elliot, Fred, Matt, Justin, Amanda, Charlie, Ray, Zoe G*
 - Discussion of new 300 level course on tree selection in June
- **Youth:** *Zoe C.W., Matt, Sandy, Sean, Sarah, Ted, Bob B, Nayeve, Maxine*
 - No meeting this month
 - NRCC (Natural Resources Careers Camp):
 - 3 Baltimore City High School students have been accepted
 - Ted is reaching out to Union Craft Brewing to coordinate “Tree Beers” happy hour to help fundraise tuition
 - Dawn Balinski can send formal letters on behalf of our board if we want to request funding from businesses for additional support with tuition
- **Seasonal Program Updates - 5 min (Zoe)**
 - Full board meeting schedule
 - Thanks for filling out the Google survey!
 - Majority of responses indicate that members would like to keep meeting monthly as a full board in addition to committee meetings





- Co-chairs need to do a deeper dive into survey responses to determine alternative ways to lighten workload for committee leads and board members
- Report Out -Wilson Woods work party on 4/3
 - ~20 volunteers (including several board members) helped Charles clean up the forest patch by removing invasive vines
 - Open to another event in summer or fall
- Tree Baltimore Update
 - Website is back up and running!
 - Fruit Tree Giveaway- 350 trees (pick up was at the Druid Hill Nursery)
 - May 1st- next giveaway store goes live
- Big Tree Update
 - Loyola University & Baltimore Zoo– measured many new champions!
 - Taylor will present next month on some of these findings
 - MD Big Tree Program has a new website - <https://www.mdbigtrees.info/>
- **Upcoming & “Bike Rack”** - (Zoe) - 10 min
 - ‘Potting Up’ Party for 30 red maple saplings at Amanda’s house- June 25th 5:30pm
 - Brainstorm: Fall Forestry Board Fundraiser – **needs a work group to plan**
 - **We are looking for community leaders, activists, experts, scientists or other treeple who might want to present at a future board meeting - let us know!**
 - Baltimore Green Space Fundraiser at Peabody Heights





- Vote for Forestry Board Statewide Lifetime Forest Advocate and Leadership Award- Anne
- Cicadas are coming! Turn people on to the citizen science phone app <https://cicadasafari.org/> & See article....
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2021/04/29/brood-x-cicadas-2021/>
- Hillside Park (Ray) – We wrote a letter of support. There was also a walkthrough with Fred and Matt
- Fruit Tree Planting with Baltimore Orchard Project at BLISS Meadows/Backyard Basecamp
- Stillmeadow Community Fellowship Events:
<https://stillmeadow.community/spring-planting-events>
- Annual Friends of Stony Run Meeting:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yways-green-corridors-friends-of-stony-run-2021-annual-meeting-tickets-150106244819>
- Flowering Tree Trail Planting – Saturday, May 15th 10am-12pm:
 - Location: Park at the north end of Huntingdon Ave. in Remington Neighborhood, Baltimore
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tree-planting-along-wyman-park-drive-in-remington-neighborhood-tickets-150723424821>
- **Open Floor**
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 25th, 5:30-6:30

End Time: 6:32 pm





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Meeting Agenda

April 27th, 2021 via Zoom

5:30-6:30 pm

