



Harford County Forestry Board

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Harford County Forestry Board Minutes
June 8, 2021

The Harford County Forestry Board's previous meeting was held virtually, May 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present were Jim Sherring, Chairman; Ron Swatski; Rob Feldt, Acting Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Jennifer Wilson and Jenny Daniels, Harford County Planning, Mike Gallegher, Wendy Doring, and Mike Simini (Bel Air Tree Committee). Danny Davis, Geoff Graff, and Carole Andrews were absent.

INTRODUCTIONS – Jenny Daniels is the new liaison for the Forestry Board. Jenn Wilson will not be the direct contact for the county any more.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The May minutes were reviewed, and accepted as correct.

The treasurer's report was given by Rob.

- There were no additions or expenditures from the accounts. Rob will check with Geoff about the tree order invoice.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Ian Doughty, an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 238 completed a plan for the Eden Mill Nature Center to create an activity area for children. Danny emailed the FB about the Amish woodworker that quoted \$400-\$500 to cover the work of the milling the logs that were supplied by Danny's boss. Motion was made by Mike G. to provide the funds up to \$500, Wendy seconded. The motion passed with no dissent or discussion.
- NRCC - Dawn currently has 33 applicants. Jim asks if anyone knows of any other students that would want to attend and to ask around. Wendy will ask HLT about anyone interested. Motion to approve the \$900 for NRCC tuition was made by Wendy, Mike Simini seconded. The motion passed with no dissent or discussion.
- Jim said that all that remains is to add the tags to the trees.
- Big Tree measurements: Jim says there will be a handful of trips to do the measurements, and invites others to come along when he has dates. Ted Moran—Master Gardener—has volunteered to help measure. 47 trees were measured 10 years ago, and eight or nine have been lost over the years for various reasons. A good number need to be measured and permission has been received

from many landowners. Four or five have carried over from last year's measurement needs. There are six or so new nominations for new trees.

- Jim reminded members to keep bags for next year's tree giveaways. Rob will store them in the FB cabinet at the MFS office in Bel Air.
- Jim reminded the board about Frank's retirement party, and to register. June 24th @ Rocks State Park @ 11AM.
- Jim asked about the next meeting, and Rob confirmed that DNR is still not permitting indoor meetings, but outdoor is fine. This may change in July.
- Jim again requested the members to think about recruiting other members to the board.

URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report – Position vacant

HAVRE DE GRACE TREE COMMISSION

Carole was absent – no report.

BEL AIR TREE COMMITTEE

Mike said the committee met in May. Wayne Merkel is working on the list of Bel Air Big Tree measurement needs. The committee fertilized the Majors Oak, and it will be re-measured this year. The committee will put up some Tree City USA signs. The town's big tree list was modified. Tree committee may help with Big Tree measurements in the town limits. Jim remarked the Majors Oak had been listed as dead, and was mixed up with another oak in the town, and that it is still there. Alice Anne Park will have some work done to thin out the trees. The committee may be asked for comments about trees planted along Tollgate Road, if changes are made to the current Sears building location at the mall.

RURAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE

No Report – Danny was absent

OLD BUSINESS

- Rob will get a quote for 5,000 tree tags from the previous company

NEW BUSINESS

- Wendy says Eden Mill will be doing a Fall Festival, and suggests making a table for the FB there. Should be in Oct/Nov time frame. Wendy suggests "The Grove" would be a good place for outreach. This is the Extension office in Dublin.
- Wendy says Facebook page is doing well, and offers to post anything the Board would like.
- Mike G says Master Gardeners is doing a video, and wonders if we could partner and help produce an informational video about Spotted Lantern Fly. The MGs would provide the video support. The board members were supportive of the idea/project. Mike will supply a short outline and Danny could assist. Wendy says this could be done in Facebook if necessary. Motion was made by Wendy., Ron seconded. The motion passed with no dissent or discussion.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:00pm, June 8, 2021 and will be a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Feldt, Jr. - Acting Secretary/Treasurer