



Anne Arundel County Forest Conservancy District Board

The Anne Arundel County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 remotely using teleconferencing software. Bud Reaves, Jim Bardsley, Peter Perry, Peggy Elliot and Brian Stupak attended. Guests included Whitney Vong (CBT), Sadie Drescher (CBT). The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Bud Reaves, Chairperson.

Committees

- Education – No New Business
- Legislative – The 5 Million Tree program was discussed. Brian Stupak (MFS) reported that the 13 positions funded through the legislation are in the process of being hired. Estimated start date is July/August 2022.

Budget

- Balance - \$59,616.80
- Income - \$30,000 from AA Co. Govt. (grant)
- Expenditures - \$500.00 to MD Big Tree Committee
- Bud Reaves explained that the Board received both their FY2022 grant award of \$30K as well their FY2021 grant award of \$30K at the same time. The FY2021 award was not funded last year but was awarded this year, retroactively. The Board briefly discussed ways to use the extra funding (additional CBT grants, Weed Warrior activities, etc.)

Old Business

- Wild Rose Shore grant – Approval letter was sent to the HOA.

New Business

- CBT MOU – Sadie Drescher (CBT) reported that CBT and the Board extended their MOU for one additional year.
- Weed Warrior coordinator – Bud Reaves reported that the position of Weed Warrior coordinator is still open. \$60K has been allocated to fund the position @ \$20/hr. but there have been no interested applicants.
- CBT Grant rules – Whitney Vong (CBT) requested clarification on the Board's policy of no tree removals in the grant proposals. Some proposals dealing with invasive species removal may require the cutting of trees in order to facilitate the removal of the invasives. The Board will discuss this further.
- Arbor Day Events – The Board discussed some possible Arbor Day events it could participate in. Jim Bardsley brought the fact that Arbor Day was too close to the Board's next meeting (April 12, 2022).
 - Seedling giveaways may not be feasible due the low inventory at the state nursery. However if seedlings are available, they could be given out at a plant sale in Crofton on May 7, 2022. The Board will discuss this further.
 - State wide poster contest has been completed and the posters have been judged by MFS and delivered to MFS HQ.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next official meeting will be **April 12, 2022**, remotely using teleconferencing software. The meeting will start at **4:00pm**.

Minutes Approved

Minutes for this meeting were distributed to the Board on 4/12/2022 and approved.