

**Minutes**  
**Allegheny County Forestry Board**  
**October 20, 2022 from 9:00am – 11:30am**  
**MD DNR Forest Service Office**  
**To promote the stewardship, conservation and**  
**sustainable use of forest resources in Allegheny County**

**Call to Order:**

**Chairman's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Roberts at 9:30 am on October 20, 2022. Attendees included members: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- Not in attendance: **Francis Zumbrun, Marie Miller and Juls Wood**
- Special Guests: **Anna Twigg** (MD DNR FS 5 Million Tree)

**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 Allegheny County Forestry Board
- **Completed** Bring in new members
- **Exceeded with 7 meetings & 8 special 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 Allegheny Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegheny County Fair
- **Completed** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Big Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- **Completed** (*Special Thanks to Sherry Frick's past work!*) Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- **Started** Support 5 Million Trees Initiative
- **Completed** 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.

## **Social 9:00am to 9:30 am**

### **Covid-19:**

Ken had Dan mention the information he handed out about following the CDC/DNR Covid-19 guidelines since our meetings have now been moved back inside for the winter.

### **Minutes Reviewed:**

**Ken** explained that minutes from September had already been approved and there were no comments.

### **Financial Activities:**

Bernie provided a report, and everything lines up nicely.

(Motion)

Steve motioned to accept the Treasures report seconded by Brad; all were in favor.

Ken mentioned the paper vs electronic copy to the Project office, and Bernie was most comfortable in having the paper copy arrive to Dan for review even if it costs the Board a \$1.00 each month.

Bernie requested to spend \$300 on PLT supplies, which is all paid for via sponsors.

(Motion)

Ken motioned to spend the \$300 on PLT supplies seconded by Steve; all were in favor.

The banking changes with the Maryland Forestry Foundation were discussed and the group as well as the Treasurer is ready to make the change after the October 27 statewide meeting. Bernie will contact our banking institution and begin the process of accepting electronic funding transfers, eliminating checks from the Foundation.

The topic of Heritage Tree Program came up and Dan explained we are trying to get Champ to turn in expenses since he has a healthy budget. Steve mentioned how nice it was that Champ was putting the extra funding into NRCC students!

### **NRCC:**

Dan and Steve were able to talk about the increase in cost and how important it has been to have the families cover the activity fee. Our funding shows we have enough for two students for the 2023 NRCC event, even with the increase in charges. Dan reported that the website is up and running for 2023 and has one possible student interested.

### **Membership:**

Dan shared the membership application for Darrel Williams to be reviewed.

(Motion)

Steve motioned to accept Darrel Williams as a new member seconded by Brad; all were in favor. This was followed by both Ken Roberts and Dan Hedderick signing the application. It will now move on to the Regional Forester, Executive Committee and State Forester for three more signatures.

### **5 Million Trees Initiative:**

Anna Twigg provided an overview of the program and discussed the various grants that are possible. She shared maps showing Cumberland an underserved community. She fielded questions about the program. Dan helped her explain what the role of the Forestry Board would be in the event that the MUCFC or MDOT grants were used. Both Dan and Anna said they would make sure all was

well with the grants prior to asking the Board to sign off on these. Anna and Dan explained about the 7 possible urban planting projects that Anna is working on with Allegany Project for the spring of 2023. Dan said that Allegany Project will be working closely with Anna until she gets her feet wet with these plantings. The Board was very comfortable with Anna's role and look forward to working with her in the future. Anna and Dan explained that another person will be starting in November and housed at the Pleasant Valley office. Anna will see things through on the plantings she has started, and other plantings that have not yet gotten started will be handled by the new person coming in.

Dan shared the Mountain Discoveries magazine with articles about Cumberland Arbor Day tree planting and maple syrup production at Frostburg watershed. Both Dan and Marian Honeczy were interviewed for the story and Dan said Marian was able to get a plug in for the 5 Million Tree Initiative. Adam Miller was interviewed for the story about maple syrup.

### **Cumberland Watershed & Urban Forestry:**

Dan explained that Blaine Bender, Arborist and Licensed Tree Expert, is trying to learn a whole new skill set in taking over Anita Simmons' job responsibilities. Steve expressed concern that a forester should be the one managing the Cumberland Watershed. The Board agreed.

### **Carbon:**

There has been progress on the Landowner Carbon Workshop. Dan reported that Justin Arseneault is developing a mailing list of forested landowners in Allegany County from a GIS based process. ADD-INC is looking into producing and advertisement post card including the postage, mailing list and is working closely with Dan. Dan reported that he has a possible sponsor for the program.

Steve has Allegany College lined up for the event and has chosen the dates of March 8 with a snow date of March 15.

Dan and Steve talked about the other carbon purchasing entities and have agreed to put their heads together to figure out who else to invite as presenters to make offers to landowners for purchasing credits.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Next meeting is Thursday, November 17 at the MD DNR FS Pleasant Valley office.
- Statewide Forestry Board meeting October 27, 2022, no video link.

### **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**
- **September 12, 2022:** Family Forest Carbon Meet and Greet hosted by TNC and America Forest Foundation: **Steve Resh, Juls Wood and Dan Hedderick**
- **September 15, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS shop: **Brad Metzger, Tom Mathews, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **October 20, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **October 21, 2022:** PLT Workshop: **Bernie Zlomek, Steve Resh, Marie Miller and Francis Zumbrun**