



Members/Guests: Elliot Weidow, Sandy Sparks, Sarah Lord, Matt Rescott, Fred Chalfant, Amanda Cunningham, Charlie Murphy, Anne Gilbert,
Youth: Nayevu Pumphrey - start of second year
Guests: Matt Purdy

Start Time:

- **Welcome** - 5 min
 - Introductions & welcome guest
- **NRCC Report Outs** - 20 min
 - Will send out written summaries of campers experiences
- **Treasurer's Report** - 5 min (Amanda)
 - April 28th - Sept 28th
 - One expense: tuition and activity fees for 2 campers - \$1,200
 - \$50 over as error got donated to the Forestry Foundation instead of asking for reimbursement
 - Balance: \$7,275.67
 - NO bills
- **Leadership and Structural Changes** - 10 min (Elliot and Amanda)
 - Elliot will be stepping back from leadership role as co-chair of the board
 - Attempt to rejuvenate and drive the board to more action. Possible issue with the nature of an urban board combined with COVID shutdown
 - Highnotes - tree ordinance passes & 3 campers to NRCC
 - Reflecting on that issue:
 - Elliot stepping down from co-chair
 - Focus on strengths - tree beers, school plantings, NRCC, social conversations
 - Tree Beers for October meeting
 - Relax and enjoy company to decide where to go next
 - Maybe do more events to casually educate the public
 - Focus conversation moving forward using Forestry Board website:
 - "Their original goal was to help assure a supply of wood fiber products through scientific forest management. Today, the role of the Forestry Boards has been expanded to help:
 - Restore the Chesapeake Bay,
 - Improve the environment in urban and suburban areas.
 - Educate the general public about the wide range of forest benefits.
 - Mission of the Forestry Boards as a whole: To promote the stewardship, conservation, and sustainable use of Maryland's Forest Resources





- School planting is being focused on by the Baltimore Tree Trust. With emphasis on getting dirty, calling a pick axe a pick axe and not that thing from Fortnite, and seeing people that look and talk like them planting a tree.
 - Maybe FB members could assist with a school room portion/education of an event
- **Seasonal Program Updates - 10 min**
 - Tree Baltimore - Charlie
 - Tree delivery this week - filling nursery.
 - Season giveaway in early november - online store & at grow centers (every weekend in Oct) as smaller neighborhood outreach. Another possible in Nov is more leftover
 - Pushing volunteers toward planting that needs assistance
 - Tree keepers this fall has been a success ~50 in sessions. 30 at first in person training. 10 for oct event. Over all 40-45 near certification.
 - Winter gathering unlikely - full certifications will probably need to wait till spring
 - Big Tree - Fred
 - Baltimore City Big Tree Report for August/September 2021
 - Seven tree nominations were submitted and three remeasurements, 1 new state champion (pending species confirmation) plus 4 other city champions and 2 city co-champions. 3 tree species are new city trees to the state register.
 - Baltimore now has 119 different species (21 different oaks) on the register, 29 of which are state champions or co-champions including 1 national champion.*
 - Thanks to the intrepid tree measuring elves who made this happen; Amanda Cunningham, Ray Iturralde, Sarah Lord, and Patty Dowd, We also assisted with some America Forests nominations in Baltimore County.
 - One of state champions was dethroned, the honeylocust by the Wyman Park Dell. We lost two trees, the shingle oak in Druid Hill Park and the southern red oak near Hill Top House in Clifton.
 - 1. green hawthorn (*Crataegus viridis*)
 - [STATE CHAMPION] pending ID confirmation -
 - 317 pts
 - H:92' C:194" S:122.5'
 - Covington St by Riverside Park
 - 2. tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) [CITY CHAMPION] - 396 pts
 - H:133' C:243" S:79.5'
 - Private property tree in northeast Baltimore.
 - Dethroned state's tallest tree in Druid Hill Park to regain the throne.
 - 3. American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) [CITY CO-CHAMPION] - 290 pts





- H:103' C:162" S:99'
- Private property tree in northeast Baltimore.
- 7. chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)
 - [CITY CHAMPION] - 273 pts
 - H:93' C:159" S:83.5'
 - Herring Run Park.
- 5. Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) [CITY CHAMPION] - 219 pts
 - H:67' C:136" S:65'
 - Broxton Rd in Homeland.
- 2. Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*) [CITY CO-CHAMPION] - 209 pts
 - H:67' C:123" S:51.5'
 - Hyde Park.
- 4. weeping Yoshino cherry (*Prunus × yedoensis* 'pendula') [CITY CHAMPION] - 203pts
 - H:25' C:107" S:36'
 - Private property tree in north Baltimore.
- If you know a tree on public property in the city, that you think should be nominated, there is a form on Tree Baltimore's web site.
- <https://www.treebaltimore.org/notable-trees>
- For private property nominations visit
- <https://www.mdbigtrees.info/nomination-form>
- Tree Ordinance - Amanda
 - Meeting in September - working with a pro bono lawyer. Researching tree commissions in other cities. The Tree Commission would have some power with tree removal. Puts another layer to pay a permit to take a tree down of a certain size. As well as a requirement to replace
- **Upcoming & "Bike Rack"** - 5 min
 - Get involved! Volunteer at a planting this fall! <https://www.treebaltimore.org/treerevents>
- **Next Meeting:** No virtual zoom meeting. TreeBeers at Peabody Heights (Outdoor space) on *Tuesday, October 26th, 5:30-6:30*

End Time: 6:29pm

