



Harford County Forestry Board

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Harford County Forestry Board Minutes
April 13, 2021

The Harford County Forestry Board last met virtually, March 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present were Jim Sherring, Chairman; Danny Davis, Vice Chairman; Geoff Graff, Ron Swatski; Rob Feldt, Acting Executive Secretary/Treasurer; Jen Wilson, Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning; Carole George Andrews, HdG Tree Committee, and Mike Simini (Bel Air Tree Committee). Wendy Doring and Mike Gallagher were absent.

INTRODUCTIONS - N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

The March 9, 2021 minutes were reviewed, and accepted as correct.

The treasurer's report was given by Rob.

- There were no additions or expenditures from the accounts.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Jim reported that ethics forms are 100% completed now.
- ACF Chestnut trees—50 tree are reserved and Jim is asking a Big Tree owner or Dougherty Farm in Darlington for a planting location.
- NRCC applicants have been interviewed and accepted. Jim thanks Wendy and Danny for completing the interviews.
- Big trees—A new tulip tree on Medicine Hall Road looks good, but needs to be measured. Geoff may be interested in helping. A Black oak near the state line, which was originally nominated by Chad Shrodes, on private property, is outstanding from last year.

URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report – Position vacant

HAVRE DE GRACE TREE COMMISSION

Carole says there is a very large divided tree (Silver maple?), and Jim explained how the measurement would be taken to determine its score. There was no HdG Tree Committee meeting, so nothing to report from there. She would like to get a brochure printed, but needs help with creating a QR code. Rob offered to help.

BEL AIR TREE COMMITTEE

Mike indicates the tree giveaway at the Bel Air Market was a smashing success. The 300 trees were gone before 10AM. Thank you everyone for your support. Bagging the trees ahead of time worked well. People came up to the table, picked tree cards, and brought them behind the canopy where they picked up the trees from the helpers. It kept the distancing requirement, the line was reasonable and it was much less hectic than bagging the trees on sight.

RURAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE

- Danny says prices are still high and market is thriving, and bidding on three large tracts/week. Extension webinars, eight over four weeks, offered by MD Extension and also VA and PA extensions too. Series is devoted to forest management/improvement.
- Eden Mill Eagle Scout Project needs specifications for the logs/lumber. Danny's employer will contribute the lumber, and he is checking to see if the woodworker will handle the milling.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tree giveaways—seedlings have been sorted—very nicely done. To be distributed to schools in the next few weeks. Contacting local private schools about desire for tree seedlings.

NEW BUSINESS

- Work will be started on the new website. Rob met with Vic, who designed the BA Co. website today to discuss plans. Vic will send a questionnaire about what the Board wants in a website. Rob told her simple is preferred, as more complicated will require more maintenance.
- Jim asked Ron to look into where tree tubes were ordered from before

Jim adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:00pm, May 11, 2021 and will be a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Feldt, Jr.

Acting Executive Officer/Treasurer