

## Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board



### Minutes for Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting on February 2, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair Jim Harris.

#### Treasurer's Report

There are no changes in the account's balance since the last meeting in November. Maryland's Big Tree Program is looking for grant funds. Dan Landry makes first motion to open discussion on the Big Tree Program and the dollar amount to be donated. The motion was seconded by Norman King and passed unanimously. Grant funds donated to the Big Tree Program assist with program costs of measuring trees state-wide. Norman King made the first motion to donate \$500 and Eddie Franceschi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Chair's Report

The Montgomery County Forestry Board members were invited to join the Montgomery County Forest Coalition. The Audubon Naturalist Society has applied for the spring 2022 MUCFC grant. A motion was made by Laura Miller for the board to open discussion on the Audubon Naturalist Society's application. The motion was seconded by Laurie Jenkins.

#### MUCFC Grant

Audubon Naturalist Society's forest understory improvement project at Woodend Sanctuary is requesting for \$804 through the grant. The total project cost is \$1,200 to increase the native tree and shrub diversity at Woodend Sanctuary. The property is protected with fencing around the property, so deer browse will not be a concern. Laura Miller made the first motion to approve the Audubon for \$804 of grant money. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously for Jim Harris to approve and sign off the grant.

#### DNR Report

Evan McCarthy is the acting secretary of Montgomery County Forestry Board.

#### NRCC Update

Applications for NRCC 2022 are now being accepted.

#### Tree Planting

Updates from Laura Miller and Laurie Jenkins on potential sites for tree planting to resume spring 2022 for the 5 million tree initiative.

#### New Business

An inquiry from Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority to apply for the MDOT Urban Tree Grant Program to restore tree canopy along University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. Board will revisit the request in July once the Takoma Crossroads Development Authority gets approval from MDOT State Highways Association and DNR Forest Service for right-of-way work.

Next meeting is scheduled **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 pm**, held via Google Meet  
Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Attendance:

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Jim Harris, Chair

Joli McCathran, Treasurer

Laurie Jenkins, Board member

Evan McCarthy, DNR, Acting Secretary

James Eierdam, DNR

Joe Howard, Board member

Dan Landry, Board member

Laura Miller, Board member

Eddie Franceschi, Board member

Norman King, Board member