

Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board



Minutes for Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting on May 10, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 1:43 by Chair Jim Harris.

Last meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There is a -\$1,019.91 difference in the account's balance from expenditures including the website renewal, one NRCC scholarship, the Picture This phone app for 2022, and mileage reimbursement for measuring trees.

NRCC

A total of seven students were interviewed. However, one applicant decided to withdraw their application and apply next year and another applicant is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. There will be a total of five students from Montgomery County attending. The Isaak Walton League of America will be paying for two students to attend camp and Ashton Manor Environmental will be paying for one student to attend camp. The Forestry Board has credit from last year to send one student to camp. So, the Montgomery County Forestry Board will only have to pay for the attendance of one student this year. Dan Landry will be representing Pepco at NRCC for the Urban Forestry portion of the camp.

Chair's Report

There was one planting at Harmony Hills Elementary School last month.

Legislative Report

The Old Growth Management Bill passed and requires that whenever the Department of Natural Resources identifies an old-growth forest on state conservation land, logging is prohibited. The Invasive and Native Plant Bill passed and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to create, maintain, and publish on its website a list of plant species native to the State. 80 acres of wildland has been added to the Pocomoke State Forest to mitigate the two acres of land used for a trail extension project. The great Maryland Outdoors Act passed and includes the addition of 90 Maryland DNR Park Service employees.

DNR Report

The White Oak Workshop will be held on May 26 from 10am to 2pm at the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park. Maryland DNR Forest Service is hiring 13 contractual positions for the 5-Million Trees Initiative.

Tree Planting

Tree planting will continue once again in the fall.

Old Business

Board member, Eddie Franceschi, has been looking into opportunities for the Montgomery County Forestry Board to receive grant money from Montgomery County. The Forestry Board would like funding assistance for annual expenses including NRCC, website maintenance, and tree plantings. Also, Eddie Franceschi and the WSSC were working to relocate a National Champion Crabapple Tree to WSSC property. However, the owner of the tree is no longer pursuing the option of relocating the tree to WSSC property. An alternative site has been identified that is closer and therefore more cost effective for the owner to relocate the tree. In the

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meantime, the Forestry Board would like to prune the tree and will need permission from the landowner to do so.

Next meeting is scheduled **June 14th 2022 at 1:30 pm**, at 316 Grove Avenue, Washington Grove, MD 20880.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Attendance:

Jim Harris, Chair

Joli McCathran, Treasurer

Joe Howard, Board member

Dan Landry, Board member

Carole Bergmann, Board member

Vince Fillah, Guest

Eddie Franceschi, Board member

Anne Hairston-Strang, Ph.D., DNR, Acting State Forester

Evan McCarthy, DNR, Acting Secretary