

Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board



Minutes for Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting on October 11, 2022.

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

Last meeting minutes were approved with corrections: Joe Howard received more than two paper copies of the Maryland Big Tree Champion Tree Register for 2021-2022.

Treasurer's Report

There was no activity in the account's balance since September 13, 2022; the balance is \$2,868.51 as of October 11, 2022.

Chair's Report

Jim Harris suggested that Paula Perez be invited to join the Montgomery County Forestry Board to represent the city of Rockville. There was a motion to grant Linda Pepe emerita status from Jim Harris, and the motion passed unanimously. Linda was then presented with a book titled *Around the World in 80 Trees* by Jonathan Drori, and illustrated by Lucille Clerc.

Legislative Report

No legislative news was reported.

DNR Report

Interviews for the vacant ranger position for Howard and Montgomery counties have concluded, however no candidate has selected the position as of October 11, 2022. No significant details pertaining to the 5 Million Trees project were reported.

Tree Planting

Tree planting will continue in the spring 2023.

State Forestry Board News

The State Forestry Board will be meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 9:00AM at 18400 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

New Business

Joe Howard presented a motion to nominate Lee Derby as a new member of the Montgomery County Forestry Board, and the motion passed unanimously. Lee is an instructor of environmental education for Montgomery County Public Schools. A motion to re-induct Brett Linkletter as an active member of the Montgomery County Forestry Board was also presented, and the motion passed unanimously. Brett is the Chief of Tree Maintenance for Montgomery County. Jim Harris noted that he will initiate contact with Paula Perez to invite her board membership.

Old Business

The fees for NRCC attendance have increased. The tuition fee has increased from \$450 to \$500 per camper, and the activity fee has increased from \$125 to \$150 per camper. Funds will be petitioned from the Izaak Walton League, Ashton Manor Environmental, and Pepco. Joli McCathran mentioned that 15 checks of the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee

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were stolen, and two of which were cashed. Joli also mentioned that future money transfers will occur electronically.

The next meeting is scheduled for **15 November, 2022 at 1:30 pm**, at the Lathrop E. Smith Center library 5110 Meadowside Lane Rockville MD 20855.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Attendance¹:

Jim Harris, Chair
Joli McCathran, Treasurer
Joe Howard, Board member
Mary Howard, Guest
Linda Pepe, Host and emerita
Carole Bergmann, Board member
Dave Honchalk, Emeritus
Dan Landry, Board member
Laura Miller, Board member
Brett Linkletter, Board member
Eddie Franceschi, Board member
Stan Fisher, Board member
Lee Derby, Board member
James Eierdam, DNR
Christopher Barger, DNR Acting Secretary
David Plummer, Guest
Dominic Quattrocchi, Guest

¹ The attendance list may be incomplete.