

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2021

Present: Don Grove, Linda Grove, Judy Niedzielski, Greg Bartles, Steve Evans, Marguerite Klein, and Aaron Cook.

Leitersburg Ruritan Tree Planting – The Ruritan has asked the Board to speak at a meeting, they have Board meetings and general membership meetings. Aaron will attend with Judy, hopefully after a meeting with a representative from the Ruritan to discuss tree planting goals and opportunities at the community center. Aaron will try to set up this field visit the week of June 21-25.

NRCC – Camp is not completely full, our camper's tuition fee has been paid.

Big Tree – Aaron is attempting to get landowner permission for a large swamp white oak he found in Smithsburg. Doug was unable to make the meeting, we will revisit this topic at our next meeting in the fall.

Boonsboro MUCFC letter/ potential tree planting opportunity – Aaron received a request from the Boonsboro Town Manager, Judy signed it, and Aaron will drop it off at the town office. The Town is offering free container tree stock to residents, and hoped to offset costs through the grant. A conversation with the Town Manager suggested that there may be a sizable chunk of Town property available for tree planting, Aaron will work with the Town to see if there is a good fit through programs the MFS has been supporting in the region.

Other Business – Hagerstown is exploring options to update their Urban Tree Canopy geospatial data as part of their established canopy goals. If there are opportunities for the Board to assist with planting or other tree canopy related items, Aaron will update the Board.

Aaron mentioned that the son of a former Forest Ranger recently won an award at the Ocean City Cruisin Event. He restored a classic truck to resemble his father's patrol truck, and the truck may be housed at Greg's museum.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM September 1, at the Maryland Conservation Agency Museum (Greg's place).