

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2020

Present: Don Grove, Linda Grove, Marguerite Klein, Greg Bartles, Mary Jo Bartles, Doug Inkley, Judy Niedzielski, and Aaron Cook.

Reminder of Statewide Forestry Board Meeting – The statewide meeting is November 4th, virtual. Attend if able. Aaron will attend, take notes, and report back at our next meeting.

Big Tree Measurements – Doug was nominated as a representative to the big tree executive committee. He attended a workshop last week with committee members. He wondered if he should hold such a position, Aaron said certainly. Doug reminded the board that we have at least 8 trees due for their 10 year remeasurement. We received a brand new eastern cottonwood nomination via email, it will need verified. Doug reminded everyone of the parameters for measurement, and asked for help with remeasuring the 10 year trees. Aaron said email the board once he has made contact with the landowner. Everyone agreed that they would help, if able.

Outreach – Aaron was asked by UMD extension to deliver a presentation to the Master Gardeners. He thought about Doug's efforts to conduct outreach and his recent success at the Hagerstown Fall Fest program. He also thought about Marguerite and her experiences with her young forest and invasive plants. Marguerite made an excellent point about gardening with woody plants. There is certainly opportunity to have board members collaborate with Aaron to co-present, if UMD extension is interested. Doug brought up a need for more presentation topics/ materials, Aaron will look for some previous PowerPoints he has created for school programs to share with Doug.

Other Business – Judy asked about the Leitersburg Ruritan planting, Scott and Aaron had a meeting, but Scott was not there when Aaron arrived a little late due to the fog. Aaron called him to apologize and reschedule, and has followed up since then with no response. Judy will check back in with Scott, Aaron will call him again. Aaron added he walked the potential area that day, and it is a small planting that would be pretty quick to install with volunteers.

Aaron brought up a potential NFWF grant being worked on by Trout Unlimited, Western MD RC&D for the Antietam and Town Creek watersheds. Good for Board to support, and perhaps assist with implementation as appropriate.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The next business meeting will be 2PM, January 5, 2021. Stay well!