

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2022

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

Spotted Lanternfly Workshop – Aaron would like to work in conjunction with the Frederick County Forestry Board to host a workshop on SLF, Ailanthus ID/ Control, and a third topic/ or hands on control demo this year. This would be an update to the meeting the two boards hosted a few years ago, and this time it would be in the Hagerstown area to capture more participants who are likely dealing with the new pest. Timing of the workshop was discussed, along with a venue. Aaron suggested the pole building at the ag extension center, Marguerite mentioned Shafer Park in Boonsboro. Speakers would come from MDA, possible UMD extension. If hands on demo, would need support from MFS staff. Aaron will work to come up with the best time of year to host the event.

Leitersburg Ruritan Speaker Request – Aaron and Judy have been working with the ruritan to develop a small tree planting event, in doing so, the ruritan has asked for a speaker to attend a meeting and talk about forestry, etc. Aaron would like to work with Doug to fulfill this request. Doug has been working on presentations and has done a great job at past events, Aaron can speak to the MFS and mission statement.

Statewide Meeting Recap – Aaron virtually attend the meeting, which was filled with small updates to programs, NRCC, HFHW, Big Tree, etc. Spring Meeting will be March 3.

Other Business – Big Tree, Doug has 8 trees to remeasure, he would love help with this task and sent an email to everyone. There are 2 new trees to measure for submission. The spring flower and garden show is still planned, not sure if it will be canceled. Poster contest is open, Aaron sent reminder to WCPS.

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

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM, February 9, 2022.