

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2022

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

Arbor Day Poster Contest – The board unfortunately did not receive any poster contest entries this year. First Lady Yumi Hogan will be judging the posters from other Counties on February 18th. Aaron revisited the issues with the Hancock Library and our 2020 3rd place poster. Aaron has reached out to the Mayor and Council to see if a park would have space. The student's mother also suggested that the library is excited to have the trees, this is counter to the lack of communication he has received, so he encouraged her to forward his contact information along to who she is speaking with to get this issue resolved.

Spotted Lanternfly Workshop – The Frederick Forestry Board is excited to partner with our Board on this workshop. Aaron has asked extension for some guidance on best timing to maximize participation. Until he hears back the plan is for a Friday afternoon with light refreshments. The agenda would include 3 speakers. An update from MDA and overview of latest best management practices for landowners, Ailanthus ID and control for homeowners, and Judy suggested a speaker on the impact to wineries, orchards, and hopyards. Possibility for a post workshop hands on demo of hack and squirt and application of sticky band traps for those interested. Location is likely to be the ag extension facility south of Hagerstown. Stay tuned for more progress.

Flower & Garden Show – March 18-20. Event is still on, Aaron has secured additional materials for hand out. Seedlings should ship prior to the event. Aaron will also print some new invasive plant fact sheets and provide some new brochures about forestry programs, including backyard buffers. Aaron will ask new project staff if they would like an opportunity to earn comp time to help fill the schedule. Greg will transport all the display material to the gym. Aaron will bring posters, informational handouts, and seedlings. Set up is 1PM on Friday the 18th. Saturday morning is staffed by Don and Linda and maybe Buck. Aaron or one of the project staff will help staff the afternoon. Sunday morning Aaron will man the display, while Sunday afternoon and teardown will be handled by Judy and Greg and Mary Jo will come to help tear down. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this worthwhile outreach event!

Other Business – Aaron brought up a Urban Forestry Workshop that the board had agreed to help put together for headquarters staff. They hope to conduct the event, and will provide Aaron with a date and additional details on vendors. The board will manage registration and coordinate catering.

MD Arbor Day is the first Wednesday of April. Seedlings normally ship the last week of March. We will plan for the distribution at our next meeting.

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

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM, March 2, 2022, at the Maryland Conservation Agency Museum (Greg's place).