

Minutes
Allegheny County Forestry Board
November 17, 2022 from 9:00am – 11:30am
MD DNR Forest Service Office
To promote the stewardship, conservation and
sustainable use of forest resources in Allegheny County

Call to Order:

Chairman's Signature: _____

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Roberts at 9:05 am on November 17, 2022. Attendees included members: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek** and **Dan Hedderick**. **Marie Miller** is also being included since Dan meet with her later that day and worked on the Landowner Carbon Workshop details.
- Not in attendance: **Francis Zumbrun** and **Brad Metzger**
- Special Guests: **Julie Conway** (MD DNR FS)

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2022

- **Completed** Develop the 2022 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Completed** Raise funds to support Allegheny County Forestry Board
- **Completed with 1 new member** Bring in new members
- **Exceeded with 8 meetings & 8 special events** Hold 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Completed** Complete all financial disclosure forms
- **Completed** Sign all Volunteer Forms
- **Exceeded with 3 students** Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- **Completed** Promote outreach for NRCC
- **Completed** Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- **Completed** Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- **Completed** Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegheny Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegheny County Fair
- **Completed** Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- **Completed** Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Big Tree Program
- **Completed** Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- **Completed (Special Thanks to Sherry Frick's past work!)** Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- **Started with 1 speaker** Support 5 Million Trees Initiative
- **Completed** Support the Family Forest Carbon Program
- **Completed** Look into new programs with guest speakers to keep members educated on what is new

Note: Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2022 Annual Work Plan. The word "completed" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been accomplished.

Harassment and Racism Training

Both Dan Hedderick and Julie Conway provided a training session for the Board members.

Minutes Reviewed:

Ken explained that minutes from September had already been approved and there were no comments.

Financial Activities:

Bernie provided a report. Bernie explained he accidentally put money in the savings and not the checking account, but it was corrected and lines up with the statement.

(Motion)

Ken motioned to accept the Treasurers report, and all were in favor.

MD DNR Forest Service Leadership Change:

Dan reported the recent changes, including that Kenneth Jolly is now State Forester and Anne Hairston-Strang is the Deputy Director. Dan also mentioned the three Associate Director positions.

Membership:

Steve asked about membership application for Darrel Williams and Dan said that both he and Ken had signed his application and that it was sent up the chain of command for additional signatures. Dan explained that he is now sending Darrell the minutes so he can keep up.

Cumberland Watershed & Urban Forestry:

Steve asked about the City of Cumberland and the Forester's position. Dan reported about a meeting he attended between the City of Cumberland and the Shade Tree Commission and that Blaine Bender, Arborist and Licensed Tree Expert, will be handling the urban forestry inside the city limits. The city is hiring a forestry consultant to implement the watershed timber sales. Steve expressed concern that a forester should be the one managing the Cumberland Watershed and will take it up with the Evitts Creek Committee.

Carbon:

Dan reported that Justin Arseneault developed a mailing list of forested landowners in Allegany County and Ken Roberts explained he was able to work with the list to reduce the number. While at the Board meeting, Ken was able to reduce the list again when the Board agreed to move the acres up to 40+. This resulted in us having 500 mailings to send out.

Dan reported that the Tree Farm Committee is supporting the entire cost of the event with 500 postcard invitations. Any cost overruns or additional changes to the total amount, the Forestry Board will have to cover. This will include changes with increased paper cost, name tags and bottled water and ice, etc.

Dan shared the postcard designed by Add Inc. and the Board is just making a few minor changes.

Dan reports that Steve secured the Family Forest Carbon Project staff to come and present and Dan was able to get Forest Carbon Works and National Capital Exchange to attend. There were two other entities; one he never heard back from, and one was not interested in coming all this way.

Steve has Allegany College lined up for the event and has chosen the dates of March 8 with a snow date of March 15. He will secure 7 additional tables for the 3 carbon speakers and 4 consultants. Steve will also put out signs.

Bernie will pickup name tags, bottled water and ice.

Marie will be the MC and will take care of the welcome and introductions of speakers. Marie has also offered her students to assist with checking people off from our RSVP list. Marie said Levi Sisler from ACM will assist with the technical items if someone wants to provide a power point presentation. This offer is only good for March 8 since March 15 is spring break.

Dan said the Tree Farm Committee will be sending supplies to set up a Tree Farm display since they are the main sponsor of the event. Gary Holtz, Western Region Tree Farm representative, and Adam Miller, MD DNR Forest Service, will man the Tree Farm table with the hopes of capturing new landowners.

Mailing for the event will go out January 16, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas social is Wednesday, December 7. There will be no official December meeting.

Attended Events: (note, members need to attend at least 50% of yearly meetings to be in good standing)

- **January 19, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick** (All members attended)
- **February 25, 2022:** PLT Workshop: **Sherry Frick, Bernie Zlomek and Francis Zumbrun**
- **March 3, 2022:** Statewide Forestry Board meeting: **Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**
- **March 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Dennis Bittinger, Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **April 27, 2022:** Envirothon Event: **Tom Mathews, Francis Zumbrun, Julie Conway, Adam Miller**
- **May 20, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Tom Mathews, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**
- **June 16, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting in field: **Sherry Frick, Brad Metzger, Francis Zumbrun, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Ken Roberts, Dennis Bittinger, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **July 18, 2022:** Photo Judging Allegany County Fair: **Juls Wood, Tom Mathews, Champ Zumbrun, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek**
- **July 25 to 30, 2022:** NRCC: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Juls Wood**
- **August 11, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting Art Council: **Brad Metzger, Marie Miller, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **August 18, 2022:** Richard A. Johnson Award was received by **Francis Zumbrun** at the Evergreen Heritage Center: **Bernie Zlomek, Brad Metzger, Steve Resh and Francis Zumbrun**
- **September 12, 2022:** Family Forest Carbon Meet and Greet hosted by TNC and America Forest Foundation: **Steve Resh, Juls Wood and Dan Hedderick**
- **September 15, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS shop: **Brad Metzger, Tom Mathews, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**
- **October 20, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Brad Metzger, Bernie Zlomek and Dan Hedderick**

- **October 21, 2022:** PLT Workshop: **Bernie Zlomek, Steve Resh, Marie Miller and Francis Zumbrun**
- **November 17, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting MD DNR FS: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Marie Miller and Dan Hedderick**