



CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair *Jill Lee, Vice Chair*

Dawn Balinski, Treasurer *Kenneth Johnston*

Amalia Pleake-Tamm

Steve Stadelman

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday December 13, 2023, at Stony's Seafood Restaurant in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Steve Stadelman, Jill Lee, Amalia Pleake-Tamm and Brian Stupak. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance - \$4,514.50
- Expenditures
 - \$127.50 – Earth Arts Fest giveaway seedlings

Old Business

- Website update – The Board reviewed the status of the website redesign. One bid was received for \$2,380. A second bid is due soon and Steve will attempt to find a third bidder. The Board would prefer to hire a local vendor. If a third bid is not received by the middle of January, the Board will decide between the two bids. The current website will only be online until the end of December, so the Board anticipates being offline for 2-4 months.
- Big Tree remeasurement – The Board discussed the issue of remeasuring invasive species on the current Big Tree List. The merits of invasive vs. non-native species were discussed and the Board decided to not remeasure only those non-native species that are considered invasive. A list of ten trees was developed from the *Plant Invaders of the Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas* field guide and the website www.invasives.org. The list will not be static and can be revised periodically. The species are:

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| ○ Tree of heaven | ○ White mulberry |
| ○ Paulownia/Princess tree | ○ Silktree/Mimosa |
| ○ Norway maple | ○ Sawtooth oak |
| ○ Bradford/Callery pear | ○ Bee bee tree |
| ○ Paper mulberry | ○ Angelica tree |

New Business

- Dave Hardy – The Board was saddened to hear that Board member Dave Hardy passed away after a battle with cancer in late November. Dave joined the Board in 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be January 10, 2024, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**

