

## Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board



### Minutes for Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting on April 12, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 1:45 by Chair Jim Harris.

Last meeting minutes were approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

There are no changes in the account's balance since last month's \$500 donation to Maryland Big Tree Program.

#### NRCC

There were a total of six applicants for NRCC. However, one applicant decided to withdraw their application and apply next year and another applicant is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. So, there will be four students sent to camp from Montgomery County. Overall, there are 30 confirmed students from Maryland that will be attending, leaving 12 spots open.

#### Chair's Report

There was a request from Butler Montessori School, a private school in Darnestown, requested for a tree planting.

#### Legislative Report

Montgomery County has applied for grant money for the 5 Million Tree initiative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Montgomery County's Planning Department is looking to update their "No Net Loss" initiative.

#### Tree Planting

There is one tree planting scheduled for Harmony Hills Elementary School on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. There are 11 trees being planted and a minimum of six board members will be present to assist with the planting event. There is a second planting that will take place at Wilson Wims Elementary School before May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, a date has not been confirmed yet with the school.

#### Old Business

Joe Howard gifts former Forestry Board Secretary, Dan Lewis, with the book *the Living Forest*. Dan is now the Project Forester for Harford and Cecil Counties.

#### State Forestry Board Report

Joli McCathran attended a two-day Train the Trainer workshop for the Woods in Your Backyard program. This workshop provided printed publications and resources for educational outreach opportunities for landowners of small acreage properties wanting to enhance woodland habitats.

#### New Business

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is leading a big tree tour in Harford County. More information can be found on the Alliance's website. Also, there was a unanimous decision to renew the board's website which will be expiring soon.

Next meeting is scheduled **May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 1:30 pm**, at 316 Grove Avenue, Washington Grove, MD 20880.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

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### Attendance:

Jim Harris, Chair

Laurie Jenkins, Board member

Joli McCathran, Treasurer

Joe Howard, Board member

Laura Miller, Board member

Norman King, Board member

Evan McCarthy, DNR, Acting Secretary