

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2023

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

Big Tree – Doug mentioned that we have 10 year re-measurements to do this year, Doug has one lined up to do on 5/7, and that 6 will require a letter to be sent as we have no contact information for the owners. There was discussion about 2 along the C&O Canal. Aaron will resend Doug the information about the European larch at Washington Monument State Park; and Aaron, Doug, and Don will meet on the 12th at Aaron's office to go and look at a few Table Mountain Pines that were found on Sword Mountain. Doug gave a crash course in using the big tree database filters. Judy thanked Doug for presenting about the MD Big Tree Program at a recent Daughters of the American Revolution meeting. Thanks Doug for taking this on and presenting.

Display future – Aaron brought up the need to update the trifold display board content, and asked board members for pictures of recent events, or forestry related in general. Mary Jo mentioned the Green Trail at Greenbrier. Aaron would also like to make some generic banner stands that will complement the old display, i.e. has the board name, etc on them with forestry type pictures that catch the eye. He is still working on finding who had other existing banner stands created to see about design and printing options.

Other Business – Aaron had a media request from the Herald-Mail in late April. The reporter wanted to do a story about places to visit that aren't as well known in the area. He forwarded that request onto Celeste and Doug, as he thought about the website and the big trees on public property. Thanks to both of them for quick replies and suggestions, unfortunately the story got shelved for a breaking news headline. Aaron shared a summary of applicable forestry items from the legislative session with the board, and explained some changes and transitions with leadership positions for the Maryland Forest Service.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM June 7, Greg's place.