

Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 4th, 2024

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett
Kathie Jarmon	Katie Kranich	Tom Frederick
Matt Spiroff	Emilio Concari	

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

The June 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 8/14/2024.

Treasurer's report

John provided the treasurer's report:

- No changes were made to the Board's accounts in the month of August.
- Gabrielle procured plastic tote containers for storage of the Board's materials. Gabrielle needed to locate the receipt to seek reimbursement.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update:

- John provided the report. John's report is provided below:

August Big Tree Report

Cecil – No activity.

STATE – **1 tree** was re-measured and **two** were newly measured—all in **Montgomery County** by **Joli McCathran, Joe Howard, Carole Bergmann**. The re-measured tree was a yellow poplar at 410 points and has been a registered tree from at least 1990. It is listed in the 1990 "The Big Tree Champions of Maryland" when it was at 326 points.

One of the new trees is also a yellow poplar at 375 points. It grows at a private estate, the **Corby Mansion, built in 1893 and once considered as a permanent residence for the Vice-President of the United States**. The other tree is an English elm. It is a right-of-way tree belonging to the Town of Rockville. It scores 371 points.



Yellow Poplar – 410 points



Figure 1. Trees referenced in the MD Big Tree Program Report.

Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update:

Gabrielle provided the update.

- At the end of the week, campers are encouraged to share their experiences about the camp for NRCC staff to review. Many insightful comments from campers were reviewed, and the takeaways are to be shared at a future NRCC staff meeting.

Website Update:

Ron gave the update:

- The August meeting minutes were uploaded to the board's website in August, and the September meeting agenda was added to the website in September.

Old Business:

- Matt presented Katie's completed New Forestry Board Membership Application to Gabrielle for signature. Following the meeting, Matt submitted the application to the Regional Forester for review and signature.
- John decided to discontinue the Cecil Big Tree 2025 Calendar project due to the lack of time.

New Business:

- An inquiry was made by Forest Service staff in Eastern Region about using the Cecil Forestry Board's tree species identification game at a Queen Anne's County outreach event. John made a motion for the Board to lend the game to the DNR staff member. Ron seconded the motion, and there was no opposition from Board members. The Board added that the borrower may not leave the game in a vehicle and must ensure a timely return of the game to the Black Hill office.
- The Board discussed that Mt. Harmon is offering a guided nature walk about wildlife and identification based on tracks.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on October 9th, at 6:00 PM.