

Forest Minutes, 2.24.09

Members present: Ruth Panella

Non-members present: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders

Because Ruth was the only member in attendance, the time was spent in addressing concerns or questions for the Forest Committee-to-be. The only business-matters involved

--a complaint and subsequent \$30. fine regarding trash at 5-acre entrance from Marsh Rd. *Mary sent payment to NC County. (Ruth had pulled a shopping cart out of the woods but had not relocated it.)*

--Woods clean-up date, April 18, 2009

Situations for the new committee to be aware of are duplicated here from the 1/13/09 minutes:

Old Business

Attended to

--Letters mailed (1/14) to Burslem and Renzetti leaseholds re barriers to be placed

--Sewer line leak addressed by NCCo. Frank Nesci. County will be testing the line to determine future action.

--Willing candidates for March election: Patrick Barry, Jennifer Borders, Dawn Chang, Carol Larson, Debbie Ricard, Jeremy Sheiker

--Three-year projection for Budget Committee: unchanged at \$5000. per year.

Ongoing

--"So as not to forget": Observation/Awareness:

--DE Estuary Grant *-Mary to check Nat'l. Grant Pub. To learn more*

--Peg Shaw leasehold + shed (whenever deed-holder name is changed)

--Beavers (NB: more welcomed than not=majority opinion; no activity noted)

--Kudzu *--Ruth, though not on committee then, will observe, cut back, and report.*

--Gate replacement by Hal Goodwin *--Mary will contact him once ground has thawed.*

--Muddy entrances to woodland at Cherry *--Ruth has been placing sticks (and evergreen brush) at slurpiest areas of path between Woodland and Cherry section.*

--Dumping of leaves at gateway and Highway entrances *--Mary will post signs.*

--"Trailblazing" at 5-acre section *--begun by Carol and Ruth; Jennifer, also willing to participate (My apology, Jennifer; I forgot to call you.--Ruth)*

--Barrier placement at Burslem/Renzetti former parking areas. *--Mary has hollowed-out trunk sections. Ruth will help her wheelbarrow them down.*

New Business

--Creek clean-up arrangements

--Citation about trash at Marsh Rd. entrance

Actions regarding the above since 2/24/09:

Under Old Business, Ongoing

"So as not to forget":

--not pursuing DE Estuary Grant this year for we have no particular project to request funding for

--Ruth has begun clipping back again the multiflora rose in St. Martin's La. area where kudzu has a hold.

--not sure if Hal Goodwin will require another reminder to replace gate he removed. Contact Mary.

--also not sure of status of signs to be posted at gateway and Highway entrances. Again, contact Mary.

--Carol and Ruth "trailblazed" in 5-acre portion of Sherwood Forest and hope to go back.

--Ruth placed barriers at both Burslem and Renzetti borders of woodland to prevent parking. For sure, not-especially attractive sections of tree trunk and limbs were used. (Formerly, rocks were to be used, but that action was halted upon the objection of the Burslems.) At the Renzetti border/section, long and thin tree limbs, far better-looking, were used. Pete removed the barriers, and in a conversation which Ruth and he had, continues to maintain that the committee is being unreasonable and intends the area to be used for his parking as needed.

Also please note: Alton, Mary, and Ruth--as well as continuing members, Elizabeth and Alan--congratulate the newly elected members: Jennifer Borders, Carol Larson, and Debbie Ricard. We extend our best wishes to you and the 2009-10 Forest Committee.

Next meeting: 1709 Green Lane on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, @ 7:30 PM (as convened by Jennifer)