

11-20-14 Minutes Arden Forest Committee Meeting

Members present: Ed Rohrbach, Katrina Streiff, Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- 2033 Marsh Road: replant planned with grant (see grants below). Understory seedlings.
- Boundary markers. JEN: ACRA ceramics: tie to metal posts with braided wire and permanents clips. Other estimates or proposals? Flat Stone plates. Concrete casts?
- Kessler at 1905 Millers drove through forest to put in shed, may be Civic land. Survey coming to check border.
- Discussion: should we create designated parking spots in the woods that are clearly where people have been parking?

Budget

- Carol spoke to Budget committee, Jeff Politis. They are adding a budget line to allow for incoming funds to be held for committees.
- Waiting for more info on BG funds. Settlement is held up by defendants who received the paperwork. (?) Jen will contact Maryanne Cinaglia to find out all info she has.

Involvement/Education/Community Contact

- No Arden Page submission for December.
- Jen will create Facebook page for the Ardens' Forests.
 - Arden Fair: Ideas for preparation
 - Lancashire School: Meeting in October 6 at 4:15 with teacher and Sue Barton from UD

Drainage/Erosion

- Surface/storm water planning grant for village is available quarterly. It's complicated and a planning grant is in order for 1st quarter of 2015. *see grants below*
- Plans for excavation and drains around sewer conduit off St. Martin's Lane postponed. Carol emailed Lorraine Gorman with NCC sewer. No news. Scheflen proceeding with garden at woods edge.
- Buckingham Greene damage award. Include area in surface water grant planning? *See budget above*

Grants/Projects (categories: mapping, tree planting, water management, trails)

- Awarded Tree Planting Grant, 9/15. Elms/Swamp white Oak on green, 125 seedlings for understory. Total request \$2214.50
Kerns Bros. to plant Elms in early December.
- Schroeder grant work to begin with Wayne Knotts. Path improvements at 2409 Woodland
- DTF Grant www.dnrec.delaware.gov/parks/services/pages/grants.aspx
Delaware Land and Conservation Trust Fund Grant program Grant for bridges, walkways and boardwalks?
Roger is asking for bridge repair .
- Surface/Storm water planning grant due quarterly: 1st quarter 2015 – January.
- Ideas for projects to prepare for grant deadlines:
 - 1) Establishing procedures used for invasive removal at Marsh & Millers to apply to three new areas: St. Martin's Lane, Cherry Lane, and Perkins Bend (Theis, Hoegger).
 - 2) Tree inventory/mapping. www.opentreemap.org & www.phillytreemap.org Jamie O'Neil intern?

Invasive Report

Ivy parties for coming months. We must work on grant areas for match amounts. St. Martins, Woodland Lane, etc.

- Greg from Red Tail putting a few hours every month

Paths/Maintenance

- Drilling holes for drainage in compacted areas,
- Ed has been adding hardwood rounds, "cookies" for stepping stones.
- Bridge replacements. Jen toured with Roger and Ken Morrison. Jen should try to get an itemized estimate from Ken. Carol will also talk to Eliot Levin about work. (Jen send dimensions to Carol.)
- Fire Lane path?

Removals/monitoring

- A few troublesome beeches near Sunset Lane to keep watch on.

Next meeting date: December 18th at 4 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders, Arden Forest Committee Secretary