

12-18-14 Agenda Forest Committee Meeting, 4:00 Buzz

Call to order/ Approval of minutes from September meeting **Ed, Carol, Katrina, and Alida Fish attended**

Boundaries/Encroachment

- 2033 Marsh Road: Property has sold. Trustees will attach a note to the lease transfer about our concerns.
- Boundary markers. JEN: *ACRA ceramics!* Other estimates or proposals? Flat Stone plates. Concrete casts?
- Kessler at 1905 Millers drove through forest to put in shed. We put up bamboo barrier poles hoping they are finished with construction. We can plant some of our trees here. **Sent a letter, resident called us defending their action. On a planting day, Carol knocked on their door to determine if they are finished construction but there was no answer. Check stewardship policy for fine amount for damaging woods.**

Budget

- Waiting for more info on BG funds. Settlement is held up by defendants who received the paperwork. (?)
- Almost finished with grant – will partially disburse. Complete before our March budget cycle.

Involvement/Education/Community Contact

- Arden Page submission for January. **Ed suggests newly planted trees**
- Arden Fair: Ideas? Bumper sticker. **Katrina will look into this**
- Lancashire School on hold. Plant a grove of trees to begin? **No actions**
- We have a fabulous new Facebook Page. How cool is that? Thanks Jen
- **Alida suggested contacting the court system to get young offenders who damage woods and need community hours**

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 until April. Carol emailed Lorraine Gorman with NCC sewer. Scheflen having drainage difficulty with his pond. He is looking for suggestions about how to proceed. I wrote to a landscape architect at ThinkGreen to get advice and make a proposal for stormwater control grant project. **Carol contacted Landscape arch about St. Martin's project.**
- Buckingham Greene damage award. Include area in surface water grant planning? *See budget above*

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

- Tree Planting Grant. Kerns Bros. planted Elms and swamp white oaks on December 2-3. Picked up seedlings from Octoraro and planted some at St. Martin's but have to wait for NCC sewer and John Scheflen. Elaine and I put in volunteer match hours
- Schroeder: Path improvements at 2409 Woodland: Wayne Knotts for grading, Dale Tatom for bollards. **Pending, no action**
- DTF Grant www.dnrec.delaware.gov/parks/services/pages/grants.aspx **no action**
Delaware Land and Conservation Trust Fund Grant program. Grant for bridges, walkways and boardwalks? Roger is asking for bridge repair **no action.**
- Surface/Storm water planning grant due quarterly: 1st quarter 2015? **Possibly St. Martin's Lane with input from landscape architect**
- Ideas for projects to prepare for grant deadlines: **pending**
 - 1) Establishing procedures for invasive removal at Marsh & Millers to apply to new areas:
Including St. Martin's Lane, Cherry Lane, and Perkins Bend (Theis, Somerville, Hoegger).
 - 2) Tree inventory/mapping. www.opentreemap.org & www.phillytreemap.org Interns: Jamie O'Neil?

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. Came over to St. Martins to assess invasive control in advance of tree planting for the grant

Paths/Maintenance

- Drilling holes for drainage in compacted areas,
- Ed has been adding hardwood rounds, "cookies" for stepping stones. **No action lately**

- Bridge replacements. Jen toured with Roger and Ken Morrison. Another estimate?
- Fire Lane path?

Removals/monitoring

- A few troublesome beeches near Sunset Lane to keep watch on. (Ron has been asking for work!)

New business: we need two candidates for January assuming Jen and Carol both run again.

Next meeting date: January 15 at 4 pm