

2-19-15 Minutes Forest Committee Meeting, 4:00 Buzz

Attending: Carol Larson, Ed Rohrbach, Jennifer Borders, Katrina Streiff, Megan Murphy King

Approved minutes from January meeting.

Up for election: Jen, Ed, Carol. New slate of candidates: David Jones, A.J. Stalloni, who else? One more needed.

Buckingham Greene

-Jen & Carol got some documents on the lawsuit, which dates back to 1995, from Maryann Cignaglia. More info is needed, specifically engineering studies, any "as-built" plans available, talk to Connie McKinney, Roger Akin, lawyer and Ted Rosenthal, lawyer, about the settlement phase of negotiations. Jen & Katrina will talk to Connie, Carol will talk to Roger Akin.

-Surface/storm water planning grant due quarterly.

Boundaries/Encroachment

-Boundary markers. Spring project: the new ceramic markers should be placed at all forest entrances first: Jen's, Jill Althouse-Wood's, Lan & Bobs', etc.

Budget

-Jen started an Excel spread sheet to track the various projects for the Committee. She will need information on all expenditures sent to her. Megan agreed to coach Jen on using Excel.

-Town has received funds for Buckingham Greene restoration.

-Almost finished with grant – will partially disburse. Complete before our March budget cycle.

Involvement/Education/Community Contact

-Spring clean-up for the forest set for April 25th. Start at BWVC at 8:45 for sign-ups and refreshments.

-Arden Fair: t shirt, bumper stickers, plants?

-Volunteer Fair at the library: Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00-8:30 PM. We will have a table to recruit volunteers to work in the woods. Sign up sheet, bring bumper stickers, info, etc.

Drainage/Erosion

-Plans for excavation and drains around sewer conduit off St. Martin's Lane postponed until April. Scheflen is having drainage difficulty with his pond. He wants to lower one edge of the pond so the water seeps into the forest.

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

-Tree Planting Grant 2014 awarded jointly to Forest and Civic: planted 40 of the 120 trees from the grant at St. Martin's Lane area. Awaiting NCC sewer and Scheflen property improvements for further work.

-Schroeder: Path improvements at 2409 Woodland: Wayne Knotts for grading, Dale Tatom for bollards. Pending spring warm up.

-Good for preparing to apply for grants: Tree inventory/mapping: www.opentreemap.org & www.phillytreemap.org. Katrina is interested in working on this.

Invasive Report

- Carol is working on 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).

-We must work on grant areas for match amounts. St. Martins, Woodland Lane, etc. Set a time for once a month?

-Greg from Red Tail putting a few hours every month. Recently worked at St. Martin's to continue bamboo and ivy removal.

Paths/Maintenance

-Drilling holes for drainage in compacted areas needed.

-Bridge replacements. Another estimate? Ken Morrison's was high. Ask Hal Goodwin? Delaware Land and Conservation Trust Fund Grant program potential. Grant for bridges, walkways and boardwalks?

-Fire Lane path?

-Hank Borders is planning to help us create a path through the Avery property section as part of his Eagle Scout project this spring. We need to show and mark where we want the path. A grant could be written for signage and other improvements for this area.

Removals/monitoring

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

Next meeting date: March 19, 4 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Borders