

October 15th, 2015 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 4:00 Buzz

Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Katrina Streiff, Jill Althouse-Wood, Megan Murphy

Approved minutes from September meeting.

Administrative

-Budget/Finance: Cost of buttons for the Arden Fair should be checked. Megan will send to Dave the Treasurer a finance report.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Greene: Megan Gloyd, of Biohabitats, provided an estimate for a proposal, but is very expensive. Carol will contact Drew Hayes at Temple University.

-2409 Woodland/Schroeder grant: Carol will contact Dale Tatom for bollards. Ed recommended 3.5' between bollards as a reasonable distance. Phil Fisher has agreed to accept a check from the Town in lieu of cash so that he can get started on the handrail. We need to measure it. Excerpt of the "Arden Child" poem might be fitting for a stone inscription or plaque at the site. We should plan to do further planting in the spring.

Boundaries/Encroachment

-Schefflen proposal: His letter/proposal to the Committee should be included with the documentation. Advisory seemed to be okay with this. Jen: should there be an easement payment to the Town? Is a formal agreement needed, and if so, what form should it take?

-Parking in the woods at by the leaseholder at 1801 Green Lane is an on-going problem. It got better for several years, but now he seems to be parking in the woods routinely again. It doesn't make sense since there is unused parking on his leasehold. Carol said that she would give him a call.

Drainage/Erosion

-St. Martin's Lane area is planted. More planned for spring.

Invasive Control

Paths/Maintenance

-Hank Borders' Eagle Project to build a path around the water tower is waiting for approval by Boy Scouts' leadership.

-Trail markers/maps would be beneficial.

Removals/Monitoring of Trees

-Oak plus Norway maple in Sherwood Forest are problems. Carol will call Ron.

-The DE Department of Agriculture is working on a "best practices" document to manage the emerald ash bore when it arrives in Delaware.

Community Involvement/Communications

-Creek watch: Carol will talk to the Nature Society about a class for a group from Town.

-November *Arden Page* submission: something about Hank's Scout project.

New Business

Schroeder funds application: we need a survey of the whole woods. Let's put together a proposal for January.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders