

Minutes
Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 19th, 2015
BWVC 5:15ish PM

In attendance: Megan Murphy, Jill Althouse-Wood, Katrina Streiff, Carol Larson

1. No Approval of minutes from October meeting: Jen traveling
2. Approved budget report from Megan with minor change. She is emailing budget report along with letter to Dave Michelson explaining going over budget for emergency tree removal and asking him to look into balancing budget with overages from other committees and/or finding emergency funds.
3. Carol sent in the Buckingham Greene grant proposal today.
4. No new news on boundary issues and fences for Sunset Farms/ Sherwood Green/ Ardencroft boundaries/encroachment. Katrina has the name of one surveyor as a possibility but she is looking to contact another one so we can compare before we choose one. In the meantime, Carol and Katrina have walked the boundaries in question to get an idea of the scope of the project.

The work on the Scheflen variance for drainage pipes is completed by lawyers and has been approved by both sides. We are awaiting a time to get the documents signed.

5. No new issues with drainage/erosion on St. Martin's Lane. We are hoping that ongoing projects will make a difference.
6. Written guidelines/procedures of Invasives Control are online and copies have gone out to trustees of Arden to give to new residents.

Elaine Schmerling has instituted Woodland Wednesday workouts to help remove invasives. We hope she will include spots in Arden as well as Ardentown. We are hoping to coordinate some efforts to do so.

7. Hank Borders completed his Eagle Scout project to create a new path on the Sherwood Forest Annex. Future plans of the committee include extending his path to Marsh Road, bridge replacements in Sherwood, and stones across Perkins Run, though we do not have a time set aside to do these projects. Jim Laurino has offered to help, but he is otherwise engaged with work on the slide mound on the Green at this time.

8. Ron removed the leaning oak on Sunset Farms that we were watching along with some smaller trees.

9. For December page and publicity on Facebook pages, we will highlight that December is a good time to pull invasives, particularly ivy, mention the new path in the Sherwood Forest Annex, and advise judicious use of salt when taking dealing with ice this winter.

10. Carol contacted the Delaware Nature Society by email and will call to schedule training for 15 people interested in helping with creek monitoring in the Ardens.

11. Next meeting is Thursday, December 17 at 4 PM at the BWVC

Respectfully submitted by Jill Althouse-Wood

8. Removals/Monitoring of Trees
Tree inventory

9. Community Involvement/Arden Page/Facebook
Creek watch
Arden Page for December New Woodland Wednesday workouts

10. New Business

Next meeting: December , at 4:00 PM, BWVC