

August 20th, 2015 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 4:00 Buzz

Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Katrina Streiff, Jill Althouse-Wood, Megan; Guests: Quinn Plymyer, Gerry Konzelman

Approved minutes from July meeting.

Visitors

-Gerry introduced Quinn to the group as a helpful young adult that had recently moved to the Village. He had had an encounter with another resident in the woods near Indian Circle that was disturbing. The other resident assumed that he and his friends were responsible for trashing the area and leaving beer cans around the fire. In fact, he had not been involved in this and intended to help clean up. The other resident stated that he and friends were not welcome in the forests. He had been a Boy Scout and takes his responsibilities to the forests seriously and was very disturbed by this encounter. The Committee decided to add an article to the Arden Page that makes it clear that all, of all ages, are welcome to enjoy the woods. Quinn also would like us to have an electronic version of the permit for fires and camping. Also, the Committee may want to discuss the number of consecutive days that camping is allowed. He also expressed interest in being on the Committee and was given information about the election cycle, eligibility and Town Meeting.

Administrative

-Budget/Finance: Megan presented a finance report showing that, because of the emergency tree removal needed at the end of Hillside recently, we are now over budget. Carol will discuss how to handle this with Dave.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Greene: we are still waiting for Megan Gloyd, of Biohabitats, to provide an estimate on a proposal.

-2409 Woodland/Schroeder grant: Next, Carol will contact Dale Tatom for bollards. Ed recommended 3.5' between bollards as a reasonable distance. Jen will call Phil Fisher to discuss if he is still willing to do a handrail. Excerpt of the "Arden Child" poem might be fitting for a stone inscription or plaque at the site.

Community Involvement/Communications

-Arden Fair: 50 bumper stickers were ordered at \$1.50 each. We will sell for \$3 each. It was suggested that we get a flat of a native plant to sell at the Fair. We could use "Cardinal Flowers" although they are for wet soil. Also, Cecilia has some fun, "Order of the Carnivorous Butterfly", buttons that might be fun for both the Fair and ACRA. Bracelets with "You are Welcome Hither" printed might be another popular item.

-September *Arden Page* submission: Arden Fair, plus Jill will write something about all welcome in the forests.

-Katrina may be organizing another mushroom walk and dinner for October.

Invasive Control

- The Committee went over the written procedures for invasive control that Carol has developed. The Committee commended her on this project. It was approved with the following additions: use of a tarp to smother lesser celandine and research references/footnotes that will substantiate our methods. The final version of this will be posted to the Arden government website.

New Business

Lancashire Elementary is planting trees to help with run-off and erosion on Naaman's Creek.

Next meeting date: September 15th, 4 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders