

February 18th, 2016 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 4:00 Buzz Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Katrina Streiff

Administrative

- Approved minutes from January meeting.
- Budget/Finance: Meg is stepping down. Jen will take over tracking finances. No changes to report.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

- Ask for tree planting money and tree survey from Trustees' Schroeder fund. Could be a joint approach from Civic and Forest Committees. Could include ash tree survey and ash bore prevention. Get estimates from Davey and from Preservation Tree. Ed is planning to inventory ash trees for Civic. Carol will send info.
- Buckingham Greene: Carol, Jen and Katrina met with Drew Hayes at 4Site in their offices in New Castle. 4Site clarified that we do have a 40' wide easement in which to work to access the area from the Buckingham Greene side. They sent a final contract that Jeff Politis signed to start the planning phase. We are now in the "discovery" phase of the project in which they will be looking at public records, past and current surveys, photos, etc.
- 2409 Woodland/Schroeder grant: Jen asked Walter about engraving stones with Arden Child poem and he said he would look into it. Carol suggested using Kickstarter to get funding for it.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- 2409 Woodland: There are new parking issues now that there is a new tenant. Bob Wynn has apparently not informed them about the leasehold restrictions.
- Scheflen proposal: no changes currently. Scheflen is waiting on a contractor.

Drainage/Erosion

- St. Martin's Lane: Greg Gagliano cleaned out the drain. The area has a fair amount of erosion on the stream side of the path. A mitigation plan is needed for this area.

Invasive Control

- The guidelines should be sent to the web site. We should focus on areas already started: Buckingham Greene, St. Martins, Marsh Road corner and Avery section.

Paths/Maintenance

- Bridge replacements in Sherwood: Pending possible Eagle Scout project in the spring.

Removals/Monitoring of Trees

No current removals

Community Involvement/Communications

- Town Meeting: proclamation for Tree City.
- Arden Forest clean-up event will be April 9th to coordinate with the Christina Watershed clean-up date.
- Arbor Day event: tree planting on April 30th. Find a good spot to plant a nice tree. Ask for input from Arden Page. Serve birch beer or root beer.
- March *Arden Page* submission: no info.
- Creek watch: wait until spring.

New Business

-ACRA summer connection: let's do some activity with the kids. Perhaps a hike then fire at Indian Circle at which we can mercilessly hammer on getting a permit for group activities and fires there.

Next meeting date: April 21st, 2016, 4 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders