

April 21, 2016 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 4:00 Buzz Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Katrina Streiff

Administrative

-Approved minutes from March meeting.

-Budget/Finance: Meg is stepping down. Jen will take over tracking finances. She is leaving the budget tracking document in Dropbox.

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 do ash trees for Civic. Carol will send info.

-Buckingham Greene: A planning grant needs to be done before fall, so 4Site should be done with their part of the planning by then. A Sherwood forest survey should be done before the leaves are out. Katrina is working on this.

-2409 Woodland/Schroeder grant:

Boundaries/Encroachment

-2409 Woodland: New renter is causing some parking issues. Clearly, Bob Wynn has not communicated about the need to park in the garage, off the gravel, etc. Brooke Bovard, of Safety Committee, has sent a letter and talked with renters and they have committed to using the garage. On-going monitoring is needed.

2033 Marsh: Resident continues to encroach on forest lands. Planting suggested, including shrubs of interest, such as service berry and winterberry.

-Scheflen proposal: no changes currently. Scheflen is waiting on a contractor.

Drainage/Erosion

-St. Martin's Lane: 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.

-Boy Scout Ethan Conway is planning a Life project. He will clear two test circles of ivy near the path to Indian Circle and plant one with native seeds, the other to be left to sprout as is. Tentative date for project is April 3.

Paths/Maintenance

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

-The path along Naamans Creek has eroded in places and may need maintenance or re-routing of the path.

Removals/Monitoring of Trees

No current removals

Community Involvement/Communications

-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. Coordinate with Civic to find a good spot? Serve birch beer or root beer.

-April *Arden Page* submission: Clean-up and Arbor Day. Add anything written in Page to Facebook site.

-Creek watch: new electronic monitoring is possible. Stroud may be able to provide.

New Business

Next meeting date: May 18, 5 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders