

October 19, 2016 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 5:30 Buzz

Attending: Jill Althouse-Wood, Katrina Streiff, Carol Larson, absent: Jennifer Borders, David Nordheimer

Administrative

- Approved amended minutes from September meeting.
- Budget/Finance: only no new expenses. Waiting for bill from Foresite. Treasurer absent.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Green Project:

Construction phase Community Water Quality Improvement Grant (DNREC) is due Wednesday. Foresite is working on a draft for us to check and submit. We are budgeting for alternative methods.

Scheflen Property Drainage Project: 1901 Miller A plant order is being developed for Scheflen Pond woods border.

2409 Woodland is still on hold because we are waiting on solution to parking/boundary issues that are currently being discussed.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- We have ten "No Dumping" signs. We figured attachment methods. We came up with a plan for placement.

Drainage/Erosion

- We are going to look at area around 1905 Miller for erosion.

Invasive Control

-Carol went to DE Invasive Species Council Meeting today. Greg Gagliano spoke. Carol will present a short report on the meeting the at the November meeting.

-Carol plans to cut back overgrowth and deal with plantings where on corner of Marsh and Millers. Working with Safety on this concern.

-Elaine Schmerling posted *Beneficial Native Plants* brochure on the Forest of the Arden Facebook page. Jill will look into posting it on the Arden Village website.

Paths/Maintenance

- David Nordheimer is absent from meeting. We need to ask if he did poison ivy control on paths.
- Boy Scout Matt Kempfski presented his written proposal on pathmaking in the Annex for his Eagle project. With approval from the Boy Scouts, he will do this project in November. We may ask for him to make paths more meandering.
- Tree down, obstructing path in Sherwood Forest, as reported by Roger . Carol will look at it. We need to get chainsaw back from Larry Walker.
- Carol will develop an outline for path improvement policy for November meeting.
- We will get the chainsaw fixed instead of waiting for free fixing.

Removals/Monitoring/Care of Trees

- Carol will look at the Oak at 2409 Woodland.
- Carol will send a letter to David Lubin at 28 Weiler's Bend in Buckingham Green concerning the White Oak tree near his property. The tree is being monitored, but appears healthy and the remaining hangers do not appear to be threatening the property.
- Carol, with Ed Rohrback (Civic Committee), mapped a majority of the ash trees in Arden. Carol still has a section of Arden to do. Carol will try to get GPS coordinates for the trees. Evidence of the Ash Borer in DE is scant, but evidence might not show up until they have been here a year. Do we treat in Spring 2017 or 2018? Trying to figure how to ask for grants on trust-owned lands.

Community Involvement/Communications

- Arden Page: Jill will talk to Elaine about Ardentown composting site article.
- Jill will work with Linda Celestian on final design of bumper sticker. We got permission from Arden Club to use the design.

Next meeting date: November 16, 5 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Althouse-Wood