

November 16, 2016 --Forest Committee Meeting Minutes, 5:00 Buzz Attend-
ing: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders absent: David Nord-
heimer, Katrina Streiff

Administrative

-Approved minutes from October meeting.

-Budget/Finance: Jen paid Redtail Restoration. \$385 from October for 5 hours or work for pulling stiltgrass, cut back vegetation at Marsh and Millers, and pulled ivy near the Sherwood Forest Annex.

New Business

-Megan King came to meeting and talked about an idea for natural sculpture garden within the forest. Andy Goldsworthy was an example of a natural artist. This was conversation before a formal proposal. We discussed the possibility of art in accordance with the stewardship policy of the forest. While we steered Megan away from the idea of a permanent sculpture garden (that would have to go through town meeting), the committee is interested in hearing a formal proposal from Megan on possible temporary and natural sculptures with rules for the project (including a materials list and time frame) and planned engagement with the public.

Current Grants/Projects in Progress

-Buckingham Green Project:

DNREC is not funding municipalities this cycle for Community Water Quality Improvement Grant, so we need to reapply. Carol and Jill will revisit our application and tighten the wording before resubmitting, possibly in spring or next year, unless they decide to give it to us anyway, which is a possibility since not many applications were filed for the grant. We have talked about the possibility of forming ourselves as a non-profit so we can be free of the municipality status. The committee is not happy with the grant proposal that Foresite presented us. We need to have further communications with Foresite on our expectations including a completed plan.

We are in talks to take a delivery of boulders for use in Buckingham Green location. Foresite is getting the boulders from another project that they have left from another of their projects that we will get from free but need to store and pay to move the rocks twice. This might entail creating another trail through the woods to move the boulders when the time comes.

Boundaries/Encroachment

- We need to check new fence 1801 Green Lane. It may be on forest property. Jen will talk to new owners.

Drainage/Erosion

- We still need going to look at area around 1905 Miller for erosion.
- 1901 Miller A plant order is being developed for Scheflen Pond woods border. Sheflen is going to plant larger versions of plants than we would get, so we will let him take the lead.

Invasive Control

- Carol will write up a summary about the DE Invasive Species Council Meeting she went to last month.

Paths/Maintenance

- We have not heard further from Boy Scout Matt Kempiski about when he will begin pathmaking in the Annex for his Eagle project. Carol walked the proposed path with Matt. We may ask for him to make paths more meandering. Carol has the proposal.
- Carol presented us with the path policy. We discussed compaction and tree roots and if this needs to be addressed or if it is part of natural path. Jen proposed walking the paths to see which areas could use improvement, especially in areas where trees are down due to erosion.
- Discussed possible new seating at Indian Circle. Jen suggested stone seating so nobody would use wooden benches for firewood.

Removals/Monitoring/Care of Trees

- Carol updated a letter to David Lubin at 28 Weiler's Bend in Buckingham Green concerning the White Oak tree near his property. Carol wants to send Russ Carlson at Tree Tech to look at the tree in question and write a report, so as not to lose the tree. The cost of the report would be in the \$360 range.

Community Involvement/Communications

- Arden Page: Christmas tree disposal.
- Jill will work with Linda Celestian on final design of bumper sticker.

Next meeting date: December 21, 5 pm, at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Althouse-Wood