

Forest Committee Meeting Minutes.

June 21, 2017, 5PM BWVC

In attendance: Carol Larson, Jen Borders, David Jones, David Nordheimer, Jill Althouse-Wood

- Approval of minutes from last meeting: We approved the minutes without changes

-Current Grants/Projects

—Buckingham Green restoration project: The county has more influence with owner and can help us get access through Buckingham Green. David Jones will be looking into getting Water Testing equipment for us to have as a committee. We are waiting for release of funds from state to get started.

—Schefflen Property: The rain garden appears to be working. We will continue to monitor

—Katrina's Grove: We still have some persimmons to plant. Jill has a blueberry bush to transplant there at a later date.

— Across Naaman's Creek: Final settlement is the end of June. We have two quotes for stone removal. Cropper was the lower of the two.

-- Boundaries/Encroachment

—Jen Borders will ask neighbor about fence contractor so we can start to get quotes for a fence along Sunset Farms encroachment areas. Jen or Carol will also talk to 1701 Green Lane about yard waste/ brush on forest side of fence.

-- Invasives

--Greg from Red Tail restoration is concentrating his efforts on the area of Shewood Forest designated for restoration from Buckingham Green project.

-- Paths/Maintenance

— Eagle Scout, Brent Wesley, proposed project to work on invasives on around Marsh Road Bus Stop area and to rehabilitate the sign at that location.

--Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

—All trees have been removed in conjunction with joint tree-removal grant with Civic committee.

-- Community Involvement and Communications

—Arden Page submission: Youth in our forest: Eagle Scout projects, ACRA stream study with Dave Jones, Legacy project Bridge at Millers near Mill Lane

—Eagle Scout Project: see Paths

—ACRA projects: stream study and legacy project.

--New Business

--David Jones will be looking into getting water testing equipment for us to have as a committee. We discussed equipment that belongs to the Forest committee and that we need to inventory it and list where it can be found. Possibility of loaning out forest committee equipment to people in Arden who need it to help with forest upkeep and invasive removal.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 19th, 5 PM, BWVC