

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2016, 5:00 PM
BWVC**

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

1. We approved July minutes.
2. Administrative/Finance: Jen (treasurer) was absent. Will get report next time.
3. Current Grants/Projects
 - Buckingham Green restoration project: A little invasive removal to do. They got the paperwork straightened out on our end. We are waiting for the engineers to finish their vacation time before they get started. We are working on access issues.
 - Katrina's Grove: No new plantings at this time. Will wait until fall.
 - 2409 Woodland is on hold.
 - U&CF Grant. We got trees removed. Just need to get paperwork to the state for removal. We also need to plant. Waiting for fall. We are thinking of planting a red maple.
 - 5 Mill Race Road: Carol will go to officers' meeting tonight to talk to Jeff to see what our next steps are.
4. Boundaries/Encroachment
 - Dave Claney will put up a split rail fence for us at \$21/hr if we get the materials.
 - We are keeping an eye on the digging and excavation going on at 2035 Marsh (New owner) to make sure they aren't digging into the woods. The digging is to correct drainage issues on the property which is adjacent to Sherwood Forest.
5. Drainage/Erosion
 - Was with Al Marks to talk about drainage issues on Marsh and Millers. Working with civic on drainage in that area.
6. Invasives Control
 - Carol checked Redtail Restoration's work. She wrote Greg a note detailing her findings and our expectations. Carol will meet with Greg this week to talk about the focus of his work.
 - Jill wants to do an ivy pull behind her house at Hillside in the fall. (November?)
 - Carol had a trench dug for her bamboo at 1900 Sherwood and Clay and Toby cut and treated the bamboo at 2017 The Highway.
7. Paths/Maintenance
 - Finished bridge on Millers with ACRA Legacy Project. The project was well-received.
 - Possible Path Study like Ardentown with WILMAPCO. Jill talked to Elaine Schmerling of Ardentown to discuss how their project and they said they used Arden as their example of what they wanted to achieve. Drew Hansen was in charge of the project. Jill will talk to him to see if we can look at their paperwork just to see

the objectives and scope other project and if there is something we can learn or use for our paths.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees
 - See 3) Grants and Projects
 - Ron Harrington of Ron's Trees and Carol went to check the Lubin Tree. They did not note any hanging or dead branches.

9. Community Involvement and Communications
 - Carol got 50 more May The Forest Be With You bumper stickers.
 - Sharing our Forest Committee Table at the Fair Delaware Invasive Species Council; Citizen's Climate Lobby (a bipartisan, business-friendly group to put forward and Greg Gagliano from Redtail Restrtaion.
 - Jill will put something in the Arden page about Japenese Stiltgrass (time to pull it) as well as news about our table at the Arden Fair.
 - Dave is interested in doing a possible stream study class for adults based on the ACRA program.

10. New Business
 - Talked about getting a forest committee shed. And possible small vehicle. Polaris or Mule type, to work on the trails. Jill will research the costs of a used vehicle. Possible transformational idea. Dream projects.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 at 5PM at the BWCC