

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2016, 5:00 PM
BWVC**

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

1. We approved August minutes.
2. Administrative/Finance: Jen (treasurer) was absent. Will get report next time.
3. Current Grants/Projects
 - Buckingham Green restoration project: NCCD is talking to the county about access through Buckingham Green Parcel. We need to wait until this is resolved to move forward. We are going to try to start project when the ground is colder.
 - Katrina's Grove: Jill and Mark Wood are donating a blueberry bush and two raspberry bushes. They will coordinate plantings with Heidi Hoegger. We need to go and remove an invasive bush there as well as plants some persimmons, blueberry, and a paw-paw tree.
 - 2409 Woodland is on hold.
 - U&CF Grant. Carol is talking about planting the replacement trees for the grant this week.
 - 5 Mill Race Road: Matt Meyer is coming to town meeting to talk about the county contribution.
4. Boundaries/Encroachment
 - Dave Claney put up fence along the Buckingham Green border. He still needs to put up the fence along Sunset Farms, but that means we need to find the survey markers and talk the neighbors.
 - Jill and Carol will keep an eye on 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
 - Channel at 1901 Millers is stable. Greg from Redtail Restoration has been checking on it also. We discussed adding other kinds of trees for diversity from the poplars in the swampy area. Perhaps Swamp White Oak.
 - Carol is going to a class at Morris Arboretum on drainage and water control in the forest.
6. Invasives Control
 - Carol got the county to stop spraying roundup at Miller and Marsh so that we could get our plantings to grow.
 - Jill wants to do an ivy pull behind her house at Hillside at November 18.
 - Greg is going to do a little more on restoration site and Marsh and Millers. He corrected the things we had issue with.
7. Paths/Maintenance

- Where we might do the next project for next year's project or bridge with ACRA. Consider bench at Indian Circle and vandal resistant design.
8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees
 - Carol attended a course on trees and the law. With the information she received, she will review Arden's liability with any of the current trees in question.
 - None We are still discussing tree policy with Civic committee.
 9. Community Involvement and Communications
 - We will have to consider sharing our booth at the Arden Fair. Citizen's Climate Lobby was a little aggressive.
 - Jill will put something in the Arden Page. "May the Forest Be With You" Bumper Stickers. Compost your leaves. Don't Dump them in the woods. The leaves can change the pH of the soil. Jill will ask Elaine about the composting of leaves behind the Candlelight.
 10. New Business:

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 5PM at the BWCC