

Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:00 PM

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jeff Martin David Nordheimer, Jen Borders 7:05 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved July minutes. Discussed who is up for reelection: Jeff and David. Forest Committee has refreshments for September Town Meeting. Jen will coordinate refreshments.
2. **Finance:** -- Jen submitted a financial report. \$3880 left for the year. Carol will reforward Redtail bill for \$185. Carol will look into how much we got reimbursed for plantings from the county.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: We have the monitoring book and three sets of data: early August, mid-August, early September. We have to do it twice a month for a year. Takes about 3-4 hours each time. Right now, it is just physical: photos and sediment. No chemical monitoring yet. Jeff will make some phone calls to inquire about setting us up with a lab for chemical monitoring.
 - 2409 Woodland: Carole checked on the azaleas. They are there and green but needs weeding.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - We talked about putting flags and temporary fence to show the boundaries. Carol needs to check on sinkhole issues at Sunset Farms.
 - 5 Mill Race Road. Administrative part is settled. Rest of lawsuit is going to court.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Surface Water Planning Management for stormwater planning, drafted by Foresite and edited by committees (Forest, Civic, Community Planning, Safety) was sent in at end of August. We won't hear anything until DNREC Watershed Stewardship meets in October.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - David says there is stiltgrass all along Naaman's creek. Needs to be pulled. David has been pulling it. Carol will contact Greg from Redtail to take care of some. Need to schedule for late July early August next year.
 - Carol put a call in to Redtail to take care of Japanese Knotweed spots we have found. David told us about another spot along Woodland Lane.
 - Carol is going to call Ron to remove the bamboo near Mandy Tacco's leashold. Estimate \$600-750
7. **Paths/Maintenance**
 - We are going to allow the chips to degrade through winter and will reevaluate in spring.
 - Trail going from to Perkins run from Firetower needs attention. Very muddy. Jeff proposed going for a walk to investigate the wet spots and gullies in the area of the fireroad. Walk Scheduled for September 22 at 11 AM.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

--A beech fell on Naaman's Creek path. Carol will get the smaller parts of the tree and contact Ron and have him clear the path.

--We still need to monitor cracked Beech near the path, downstream from Lizzie Broadbent's in the Arden Forest. David takes photos. Crack doesn't seem to be getting bigger

--Carol looked at the beech leaning toward Margot Altaweel's house. Carol thinks the tree is on her leasehold.

9. Community Involvement and Communications

--Jeff didn't do a fire safety program for ACRA because of weather.

--Jeff and Jen wrote new fire permit information. We approved the new permitting with the change of 5-day notice instead of 48 hours. Carol will look into the forwarding process for the permit.

--Full-moon Walk. Jen will set up the fire and buckets. Carol and Jill will be doing the walk. Jill will bring new folders for 2020 patch, snacks, and something to light a fire.

--October Page: Cocktail Hour at restoration site to remove burning bush seedlings and check out the fall flowering plants. Carol will write the page for this month.

--Jeff Martin suggested speakers for Earth Day 2020. Stuart Echols from Penn State wrote Artful Rainwater Design and Claudia West from Maryland who write Planting in a Post Wild World. Carol's suggestion is Maya Van Rossum who write The Green Amendment. Carol will do some research.

10. New Business

--None

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7 PM at the BWVC