

Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 7:00 PM

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jeff Martin
absent David Nordheimer 7:03 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved September minutes.
 - Discussed who is up for reelection: Jeff and David. Discussed possible people to run for committee.
 - Discussed newly written fire permit. Rowan Harcourt-Brooke is going to put it on the web and format the new permit. **Jen and Jeff are going to review it before they send it to Rowan.**
2. **Finance:** -- Jen submitted a financial report. Remaining budget \$6196.66.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: We have data sets that we have to feed in Excel. Jeff will help Carol with that. Jeff checked with 2 companies about water quality monitors. U.S. Environmental has the Horiba U52 which will measure temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, oxidation reduction potential, conductivity, and turbidity. It costs \$105 a day, but we must pay for shipping/courier. and Pine Environmental has the Horiba U52 for \$118 per day but they will courier it. **Carol will talk to the Delaware Nature Society to see if we can borrow a water monitor.**
 - 2409 Woodland: Nothing new
 - We have a few trees left to plant from past projects including some redbuds to replace the Japanese Maples in Sherwood. **Jill will take photos of the planting circles in Sherwood.**
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. Still waiting for courts to settle remainder of lawsuit.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Still waiting to hear about the Stormwater Master Grant for the Arden Stormwater plan.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Carol called Ron to remove the bamboo near Mandy Tacco's leasehold. Estimate \$600 and \$600 to take out a dead tree. We voted to go ahead and take it out. **Carol will check on the tree again before telling Ron to go ahead, but she has the authority to do so.** Ron has also given an estimate to get rid of the bamboo at Lizzie Broadbent leasehold for \$700. That's a thinner bamboo which we might be able to do ourselves. We are going to hold off for now.
 - Greg from Redtail was working on invasives. He did Japanese Knotwood at Bryan leasehold. **Carol is going to check on the Japanese Knotwood that David reported on.**
7. **Paths/Maintenance**

--Ruth Panella said there is more regular dumping of trash on Mill and Millers. Carol will talk to Ruth about the pattern so we can decide to report to Environmental Crimes Unit at DNREC so that they can investigate and possibly prosecute. Jeff will look into trail cameras.

--Forest Committee Walkthrough November 11, 1 PM

--We need to address the poison ivy around Indian Circle before the pancake breakfast on November 3.

8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**

--A beech fell on Naaman's Creek path. Carol got the smaller parts of the tree and Ron will clear the bigger part for \$100.

--Lubin Tree assessment is due March 2022

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--Talked about asking Arden to nominate people who are forest stewards so we honor them as part of the Earth Day celebration.

--September Full moon hike was well attended. Around 40 people.

--We started the new patch program which starts in September and will continue through the end of ACRA.

--November Page: Become a wildlife habitat steward through Delaware Nature Society. Jill

--Happy Hour. Jill will bring some wine and dip, cups, Carol will bring apple cider, white wine and a table.

--Impromptu tree planting sometime in fall.

--Jeff Martin suggested speakers for Earth Day 2020. We need to research. 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 8:40 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7 PM at the BWVC

Arden Forest Committee Finances FY 2020

Date	Description	Expense	Income	Budget	Schroed	B.G.	County	BG - Contract
4/1/2019	Town Budget start			\$8,000.00				
4/1/2019	Buckingham Greene funds remainder					\$50,045.74		
4/1/2019	DNREC Surface Water Mgmt Grant					\$75,000.00		
4/1/2019	Schroeder Project funds start FY19				\$4,197.00			
4/1/2018	Urban & Community Forestry Grant							
4/1/2018	Red Tail Restoration Contract: \$2500. @ \$37/hour							\$2,500.00

4/3/2019	North Creek Nursery	\$305.40					-\$305.00	
4/4/2019	Octoraro Nursery	\$943.50					-\$943.50	
4/9/2019	Octoraro Nursery	\$410.00					-\$410.00	
4/11/2019	Octoraro Nursery	\$1,353.50					-\$1,353.50	
	Ron's Tree Service	\$800.00						
4/18/2019	New Moon Nursery	\$262.26					-\$262.26	
4/22/2019	Dave Claney--	\$63.00						
4/26/2019	Pinelands Nursery	\$750.00					-\$750.00	
5/6/2019	Octoraro Nursery- Hillside planting	\$346.50						
5/22/2019	New Moon Nursery	\$228.00						-\$228.00
7/26/2019	Red Tail Restoration	\$92.50						-\$92.50
9/23/2019	Red Tail Restoration	\$231.25						-\$231.25
9/23/2019	jill-- patch	\$42.90						-\$42.09
	REMAINING BUDGET				\$6,196.66			\$1,948.25

