

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 7:00 PM**

**Via Zoom: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jeff Martin, David Jones Meeting called to order 7:02 PM**

**1. Administrative:** We approved April minutes.

--Cecilia put fire permit online. Jen will talk about some changes to the online fire permit. Jen reviewed general state camping policy. Jen will send the regulations and notes to forest committee. We will table this issue for next time.

**2. Finance:** No changes.

**3. Current Grants/Projects**

--Sherwood Restoration Project: Carol has been taking readings. Working very well. Trout lilies and may apples are blanketing the area. Lots of plants have survived and are flowering.

-- Dave has been looking at vertebrate and invertebrate in Perkins Run. Lots of Stonefly and Caddisfly. More diversity. Time of year? Or water quality? Dave wants to ID the tadpoles. Seems to be attracting wildlife. Two fox dens.

—2409 Woodland: Jen and Carol walked by and saw the pinksters. It is a tricky area. Do we want to invest in infrastructure? Rope and stake handrail? But substantial. Federal Park has some guidelines in that area. We could find designs that are appropriate. Carol will check into these and bring some ideas to next meeting. --End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Mark Wood took photos. We have Golden Ragwort.

-- Surface Water Management Planning Grant purchase order came through. Drew Hayes of Foresite called and said they are starting their information gathering.

**4. Boundaries/Encroachment**

--Carol sent an email with a draft for a request for Schroeder funds for Sunset Farms boundary with planting ideas. She has an idea to remove the fence after the forest is established. We can experiment how to do a sunny edge to the forest. Jeff votes for azaleas and dogwoods. Dave likes pinksters. Carol needs to send notice to the neighbors. Then we will install the fence.

--Christine and Don Montgomery at 2033 Marsh Road. They have a pipe draining into woods. Carol needs to talk to them. The Lubins also have a drain to the woods. Carol has not reported them to the county. Carol will check it out.

--5 Mill Race Road—Carol talked to Jeff. Still waiting for court case to be settled. Decision soon.

5. **Drainage/Erosion**  
--Jill will talk to Dave Nordheimer to continue to monitor erosion at Lizzie. Jill will ask him to take a photo from a stake point.
6. **Invasive Species Control**  
--Redtail took out a lot of garlic mustard that was seeding near St. Martin's Lane and also behind Border's leasehold. Area from Indian Circle back toward the houses. Lots of Garlic mustard cleanup.  
--Carol is talking about creating a systematic approach to each species with timing. And to utilize help such as Redtail.  
--We will soon be doing traps for Spotted Lantern Fly. We need to talk to Elaine Schmerling.
7. **Paths/Maintenance**  
-On Hold: Bicycle path through Sherwood Forest from Hillside to Marsh road. We will investigate possible surfaces. Crusher run. Not paved. Double as a trail for older? less mobile path. Handicap access. Might possibly get grants for. Plus, we need to consider maintenance costs. We need to make a preliminary map. Eagle Path? Carol will check it out. Jen will look in her files for a map of the Eagle Trail. -  
-Need for a bridge to go across channel in Sherwood Forest. We need to measure and make a design. Jeff will talk Denis about milling wood for a bridge. --Carol cleared a huge Beech near Indian Circle.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**  
--No removals at this time.
9. **Community Involvement and Communications**  
--Cleanup was successful for Arden Forests Cleanup. Jen will track volunteer hours with an Excel Doc.  
--Waiting to hear about Arden Home and Garden Tour  
--Arden Page: Report volunteer hours. Wildlife Certification.
10. **New Business**  
--We need to check on pipes crossing the creek. Some reports of a pipe leaking.

**Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 7 PM.**