

Forest Minutes **5/5/09**

Members present: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, Alan Burslem

Meeting location was to be at the water tower, but was held at Carol's house due to rain.

Old Business

Attended to

--Creek clean-up: 7 folks cleaned up on Sherwood side, more on Arden Woods side. Mary Ann Cinaglia needs statistics (# of pounds of trash, # of volunteers, etc.) for Christiana Watershed.org and will have an analysis for next year. Debbie Ricard did an excellent job of setting up refreshments in front of BWVC for the end of the clean up. Suggestion for next year: have coffee/refreshments prior to clean up to help bring in volunteers and in the morning.

--Three-year projection for Budget Committee: unchanged at \$5000. per year.

Ongoing

--Gate replacement by Hal Goodwin: Carol contacted Hal and Mary Marconi. He said that he will replace the gate the week of May 4th. Mary will replace the "No Dumping" signs on the Sherwood forest side.

--Carol and Ruth did some trail blazing in the Avery tract.

--Muddy entrances to woodland at Cherry --*If a tree company is in town request that chips be placed at path entries.*

--Dumping of leaves at gateway and Highway entrances --*Someone will post signs? Contact Mary.*

--Barrier placement at Burslem/Renzetti former parking areas. --*barriers in place at Cherry Lane entrance appear temporary and easily moved. Wait to see if barriers are practical and determine more permanent solution at a future date. At the Renzetti border/section, long and thin tree limbs were used. Pete removed the barriers, and in a conversation which Ruth and he had, continues to maintain that the committee is being unreasonable and intends the area to be used for his parking as needed.*

New Business

Felice Cressman contacted Carol about information from Indian Creek resident Nate Cloud regarding fires, a lean-to, and people walking with weapons (for hunting?) in the woods. This has been reported to Safety Committee and the police. Suggest monitoring situation.

Rotted tree fell on path to Indian Circle from Cherry Lane and took down several other trees with it. John Digiacomia is working to clear the path. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

It was decided that the new Committee should review the Arden Forest Stewardship Policy at the next meeting.

Invasives removal: It was decided that one important function the Committee could serve would be community education regarding invasive and alien plant species. Information should be compiled that guides leaseholders on what plants to remove, what to plant and how to act as good stewards of the forest.

Carol left a message with Dee Bittinger to see if the newly formed Teen Group could help with forest invasives.

Another ad hoc meeting may be assembled to walk the new 5-acre plot.

Meeting schedule:

Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 PM, at the Cherry Lane forest entrance

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 PM, location TBA

