

Arden Forest Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Attending: Carol Larson, Jennifer Borders, David Jones

**Administrative**

Minutes Changes

Add visitors: Jeff Martin, Drew Hayes, Donna Shumpert

Page 2: paragraph 1: remove "with the budget"

We still need formal bids on the final "plans"

#5. Remove: "We are working"

2. Finances: We have \$2800 to use. We will get Dave Claney to do some split rail fencing along Sunset Farms and Weiler Farms properties boundary.

3. Election slate: Dave Nordheimer, Jeff Martin, Dave Jones, Ed Rohrbach; other suggestions: Jeff Stein, Bev Barnett, Jeremy Scheiker, John or Marcia Schefflen.

4. Excel spread is begun to track volunteer hours.

**Current Grants/Projects**

1. Buckingham Greene access through the fire lane means all bids must take that into account. We need to remove invasives within 50 feet of remediation site and take out small trees along access lane.

2. 2409 Woodland: Carol and Dave J. will go to Plyler's for pinksters to plant above the stone circle. Will help with privacy.

3. Katrina's Grove: need new planting/clean-up day.

**Boundary Issues**

16 Ravine Road: the property has sold to an individual who will hopefully not subdivide it. Whew!

We now may want to look at moving forward on conservation easements with property owners along Naamans Creek.

Each year, we should assess budget for left over funds and use them to address boundary and fencing issues.

**Drainage/Water management**

There is small erosion issue near Threefoot property along the Naamans Creek path. Carol and Dave J. will assess site for implementation of experimental erosion control technique.

### **Invasive Control**

Greg from Red Tail Restoration has \$600 left in his contract. Carol will ask if he can digitize the current map of invasives and create something that we can update.

### **Paths/Maintenance**

Work on remediation for wet areas along Naamans Creek path.

### **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**

Work on removing hanging tree near 2409 Woodland

### **Community Involvement**

Elaine has list of community events. Carol will send ideas to Jill for Arden Page

March 3: Geology walk with Jeff Martin

April 14: Arden Forest Clean Up

April 28: Arbor Day event: find the biggest tree in Arden; root beer floats, dedication for the Old Growth Forest designation at Indian Circle. Call Bryan Short John Cartier to come. Coordinate event with Elaine Schmerling.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 21st, at 5 PM at the BWVC.