

Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 5:00 PM

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jeff Martin
Absent: David Nordheimer Meeting called to order at 5:13PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved December minutes. We talked about our possible election slate.
2. **Finance:** --Jen gave a report, but we have pending bills. We talked about trying to get bills from our service providers in a timely manner.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: We got the permit from the DNREC. We contacted Drew from Foresite about bidding and start time. We have to get an extension from DNREC for our grant if the work goes past May.
 - 2409 Woodland: Nothing new with wall/masonry
 - Katrina’s Grove: A blueberry bush and 2 persimmons got planted. We have a serviceberry to plant.
 - We have free trees from Urban and Community Forestry and their collaboration with Arbor Day Foundation to plant.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - Nothing on boundary and fence. We need to contact Dave Claney to talk about it.
 - 5 Mill Race Road. The lawsuit is still working its way through the system.
 - 2409 Woodland: Parking is still an issue.
 - 1, 2 Mill Race sold. Carol will check on permits.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Carol talked to Deldot to ask what mapping they have of the drains along Harvey. They basically have nothing except along Harvey and Lower Lane. Deldot uses a firm called KCI. Pipes are failing from New Orleans down to Meadow. There is new transportation grant from Deldot making crosswalks better, traffic calming, water drainage. Carol talked to Brooke Bovard (Safety Committee) about this. We debated Surface Water Planning Grant vs getting a plan of where the pipes are. This is something that would involve Community Planning, Civic, and Safety committee.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Carol went to Delaware Native Species Commission (new) meeting. All aspects of native plant promotion and possible legislation concerning invasive plants.
 - Elaine found Emerald Ash Borer in Ardentown.
 - We had one ivy pull in Ardentown. Hoping they will reciprocate with an ivy pull in Arden.
7. **Paths/Maintenance**
 - Nothing to report.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**
 - Lubin tree hasn’t changed. Carol needs to do another check.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**
--We did not get our DISC grant for Earth Day/Arbor celebration week: Doug Tallamy lecture, Monday the 22. We discussed alternative funding for the event/week
--Other events for the Earth Day/Arbor celebration week —Fire Singalong of Wednesday, April 24. Planting/Ivy pull in Sherwood on Saturday, April 17th.
--January Arden Page— Owl Prowl for January 19. 7:30PM. Martin Luther King Ivy Pull meet at Jen Borders, January 21 mini-pull 10-11, coffee and donuts.
***12/26/18—changing location to Jill's house on Sherwood side to get ivy with berries on it near O'Regan leasehold.

10. **New Business**
None

Meeting convened 6:43 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 5PM at the BWVC