

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2018, 5:00 PM**

**BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jeff Martin
Absent: David Nordheimer Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM**

1. **Administrative:** We approved December minutes. So far on the slate for elections: Jill, Carol, Jen, Jeremy Sheiker, David Jones. Carol will also ask Jeff Steen, Ann Harper
2. **Finance:** --Jen presented the report.

Date	Description	Expense	Income	Budget	Schroeder	B.G. Grant	Contract
4/1/2018	Town Budget start			\$8,000.00			
4/1/2018	Buckingham Greene funds remainder					\$50,045.74	
4/1/2018	DNREC Surface Water Mgmt Grant					\$75,000.00	
4/1/2018	Schroeder Project funds start				\$4,472.00		
4/1/2018	Urban & Community Forestry Grant						
4/1/2018	Red Tail Restoration Contract: \$2500.						\$2,500.00
6/18/2018	Dave Clane- fencing	\$52.97		-\$52.97			
6/23/2018	Red Tail Restoration	\$245.00		-\$245.00			-\$245.00
7/22/2018	Ron's Tree Service	\$2,150.00		#####			
8/13/2018	Red Tail Restoration	\$245.00		-\$245.00			-\$245.00
	Carol- Nursery purchase	\$275.00			-\$275.00		
9/1/2018	Jill-LEAF/patch expenses	\$281.99		-\$281.99			
11/20/2018	Ron's Tree Service	\$800.00		-\$800.00			
1/8/2019	Red Tail Restoration	\$551.00		-\$551.00			-\$551.00
1/16/2019	REMAINING BUDGET			\$3,674.04			

3. Current Grants/Projects

--Sherwood Restoration Project: We had the mandatory pre-bid walkthrough. Bidding comes in on January 29. We will try to get project done by mid-May. We also need photos (with exact locations) taken right before the project.
—2409 Woodland: Nothing new with wall/masonry. We brainstormed other ideas about how to make the area more appealing. We talked about creating a more

inviting entrance to the area. Enhancing the man-made structure with seating.
Mulch azaleas in the spring. Rubber ducky race.

--We planted the four free trees from Urban and Community Forestry and their collaboration with Arbor Day Foundation.

--Jill and Carol are working on a TD National Arbor Day Foundation Grant to fund a tree inventory.

4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**

-- Carol talked to Dave Claney about the fence. Need to set a time to do it. Try to do between the end of the fiscal year or at the very least, buy materials.

—5 Mill Race Road. The lawsuit is being separated into two separate suits.

--Carol is monitoring properties on Mill Race has been checking on permits. So far, no building permits have been issued.

5. **Drainage/Erosion**

--Drew Hayes from Foresite is going to talk to Community Planning about doing a master storm water plan which we could then use to get grants for improvements

--Lubins put a new drain that goes into the forest. It seems to be waste water from inside the house.

6. **Invasives Control**

--Cancelling the Martin Luther King plant pull because of cold weather

7. **Paths/Maintenance**

--Nothing to report.

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

--Carol checked Lubin Tree. She wants an arborist to look at it.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

Doug Tallamy lecture, Monday the 22. We are waiting for the gardener's guild to announce. We talked about making publicity cards for the event and talking to Ron Ozer about further publicity. We are going to ask a suggested donation of \$10. Carol is going to check out his lectures to see which one we want him to do. One that he hasn't done in the area.

--Other events for the Earth Day/Arbor celebration week —Fire Singalong of Wednesday, April 24. Jill got permits. Jeff will organize. Planting/Ivy pull in Sherwood on Saturday, April 27th 10AM.

Jill will make a list for next meeting of what jobs we need to do for "Earth Week"

--Jill is still planning a spring issue of LEAF

--February Arden Page—Save the date for Tallamy lecture. Owl facts.

-- Christina Watershed Cleanup Saturday, April 6, 9 AM-12 PM

10. **New Business**

--Thinking about purchasing GPS unit or water monitoring equipment for the Forest Committee.

--In December we reapplied for Tree City USA.

--We need an upgraded tree stewardship policy.

Meeting adjourned 6:18 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5PM at the BWVC