

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5:00 PM**

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Absent: Jeff Martin and David Nordheimer Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved March minutes. We reviewed FOIA. Carol voted as chair, Jen as treasurer, Jill as secretary
2. **Finance:** --We reviewed the past year financial report. Jen will touch base with Dave Michaelson to reconcile our records.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: Meadville Land Services are working on the restoration project. Ron's Tree service brought them chips to work on the wet paths. Carol has bought plants. NCCD reported that they have applied for a 12-month extension. They vote tomorrow.
 - We did the stream monitor training on Monday with Kristen Travers with Delaware Nature Society. We need to coordinate with DNREC to find out what information they want from our study, and we have to find out what Foresite is doing already as far as water testing. We will do transects with depth and photographs and others. Toby Ridings will be taking the photos of the area. We need to mark where exactly we want them taken, so they are consistent.
 - Carol will write an update on the project for The Arden Page.
 - We can start planting as they are working. Possibly the week of May 6. Put something in the page.
 - 2409 Woodland: We need to weed and see what would work as a surface.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - Carol went with Dave Claney to Sunset Farms. They have issues with sinkholes. We will call NCC to find out when they are coming to fix the sinkholes so we put up the fence after they are filled so the fences are not in the way.
 - 5 Mill Race Road. Haven't heard anything about lawsuit.
 - [An aside: 1 Mill Race Road got a variance to build a house.]
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - no new drainage issues
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Mark Wood took out Japanese maple saplings ahead of our Hillside Trailhead restoration, which will kick into high gear on April 27th
 - We need to check for garlic mustard.
7. **Paths/Maintenance**
 - Wood chips on Fire Lane.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**
 - Ron cut down a beech and a white oak from Sherwood. Denis O'Regan will harvest the White Oak that is blocking the path and use for town projects.
9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--EVENTS: Doug Tallamy lecture, Monday the 22; Fire Singalong of Wednesday, April 24. Planting/Ivy pull in Sherwood on Saturday, April 27th 10AM. We discussed task list for the events.

--Arden Page: Update on Sherwood restoration, Call for volunteers, Recap of stream cleanup, Recap of the Fire event.

10. **New Business**

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5PM at the BWVC