

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:00 PM**

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

1. **Administrative:** We approved May minutes.
2. **Finance:** --We reviewed the financial statement. It is up to date. Carol said at advisory that we would be okay with 10% reduction of budget but that if we had issues with big tree removals, we may need to hit the contingency funds.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: We got an email of the draft of the final report of the project from the Conservation District. We are waiting on Foresite on final placement of photographic points. Spoke to Kim Hachadoorian from the Nature Conservancy. She recommended talking to Stroud to get more recommendation on stream monitoring. We think we will monitor for animals and chemistry (phosphorus, nitrates, and suspended solids). Foresite will probably monitor the physical profile.
 - We are brainstorming ideas for chip removal including getting youth who need volunteer hours and getting quotes from contractors (Cropper).
 - Planting continues at the site. We hosted a public planting party. We have over 80 volunteer hours in planting with another planned planting on Friday from 4-6 PM.
 - 2409 Woodland: Waiting to finish Sherwood Project before we address this.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - We are postponing fencing around Sunset Farms until after Sherwood Project is done.
 - 5 Mill Race Road. Haven't heard anything about lawsuit.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Drew from Foresite is coming to June town meeting to talk about a master plan. We are working with Community Planning.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Greg from Redtail went out to work on restoration site. He is trying to remove the burning bush which is resprouting.
 - We found Japanese Knotweed in two spots, and told Greg from Redtail. We will work to remove.
 - We are in talks to remove bamboo near Mandy Tacco's property. We got a quote of \$600 for removal from Ron's Tree Service
7. **Paths/Maintenance**
 - We have poison ivy on paths that we need to check and address. Dave Nordheimer and Carol have done some work on it.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**
 - Nothing to report.

--We need to monitor cracked Beech near the path, downstream from Lizzie Broadbent's in the Arden Forest

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--Jeff is going to do a fire safety program for ACRA

--Jeff is writing something about Fire Safety for the Arden Page.

--EVENTS: Plant Party Happy Hour, June 14 4-6 PM

--Jill is ordering patches for the Patch for the 2019 program

--We are thinking of calling the DNS to have info on the Backyard/Community Wildlife Certification for our Arden Fair presence.

10. **New Business**

--Jen and Jeff are still planning to get a new online permit form for fires/camping Indian Circle. Arden Woods/Sherwood Forest Recreational Use Permit.

--Still thinking about possible Earth Day Lectures/events

Meeting adjourned 6:25 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7 PM at the BWVC