

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 7:00 PM**

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jeff Martin Absent: David Nordheimer, Jen Borders Guests: Simon Hamermesh, Dave Claney. Meeting called to order 7:01 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved May minutes.
2. **Finance:** --No financial report. We got one bill for \$185 from Redtail restoration and forwarded to Jen. We got back the \$3000 for Sherwood Forest restoration plants from NCC.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: A crew from Foresite (including Drew) set up monitoring posts and they are developing a monitoring package with guidelines for Arden to implement. We don't need to start the monitoring immediately because initial changes come from construction and not the results of the projects. We need to plant a few more flats of grasses. Other than that, the planting is done. Over 100 volunteer hours were clocked in planting it all.
 - 2409 Woodland: Now that we are done with Sherwood Project, Carol wants to get out to the site, weed and check on the azaleas.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - Carol needs to check on sinkhole issues at Sunset Farms before we put in our fence.
 - 5 Mill Race Road. Carol did a drive-by. Invasives don't look too bad. Still waiting to hear about lawsuit.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Drew came to June town meeting to talk about a master plan. Arden is interested in pursuing a master stormwater plan, but questions about funding out of vacant dwelling came up. Some people want funding to go to referendum. We are working with Community Planning, Safety, and Civic committees on this.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Greg from Redtail still working on restoration site on invasives that we missed.
 - We found Japanese Knotweed in two spots and told Greg from Redtail. We will work to remove.
 - We need 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 had two teens from Juvenile Correction come and work for 3 hours to clear chips from the base of trees.
 - We want to walk the chip road on Monday, July 22 at 4 PM, to see if plants are coming up through the chips before we decide if we want to contact Cropper to clear for \$1400 or rent machinery and have volunteers (Wayne Knotts) do it for \$500.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**

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

--Margot Altaweel has a beech leaning toward her house. We need to check to see if it is on forest property or on her leasehold.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--Jeff is going to do a fire safety program for ACRA on July 22.

--Jeff and Jen are working on writing/creating an Indian Circle use permit.

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

--September Page: Cocktail Hour at restoration site to remove burning bush seedlings and check out the fall flowering plants. Also a walk in the forest to talk about water/stream management. We will discuss at our August meeting.

--Jill will talk to Barb Conway about partnering with Arden Gardeners Guild for Arden Fair. We talked about possibilities for future Forest Committee/Arden Fair participation in 2020.

--We are thinking of calling the DNS to have info on the Backyard/Community Wildlife Certification for our Arden Fair presence. This will be a fall project. We will start our discussions in September

--Jeff will send us possible speakers for Earth Day.

10. **New Business**

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7 PM at the BWVC