

Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:00 PM

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jeff Martin Absent: David Nordheimer, Jen Borders Meeting called to order 7:10 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved November minutes with changes.
 - Election Slate: David Nordheimer will run. We will ask Jeremy Sheiker, Keri del Tufo, David Jones, Jill Moncarz, Ruth Panella
 - Jeff will send out a mock-up of what website will look with Indian Circle stuff removed. With link to Indian Circle permit.
2. **Finance:** --See Attached financial report.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: We have sets of data up to mid-December. Next set of data is scheduled for December 21. Jeff and Carol are still looking into renting/borrowing water quality meters for quarterly or every two month for readings. Final inspection on November 19. Foresite surveyed the area. Two guy from the NCCD, Kevin Donnelly and Andy Bowman. They were pleased with the work.
 - 2409 Woodland: Thinking of possibilities for an event in this area. Promote use and cleanup.
 - End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: No hard data but we looked at the circles. The sedges and the goldenrod appeared to be doing well. Redbuds were planted to replace some of the Japanese Maples were removed. We need timing for inspections (seasonally?) and structure for data. Take photos.
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - We are going to put a line of flags up on the border of Sunset Farms before we put in our fence in 2020.
 - 5 Mill Race Road—Still waiting for court case to be settled.
 - Marilyn Gray has a big fenced-in area in the woods. Carol will send a letter about the encroachment so we will have it on file.
5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Foresite submitted the stormwater surface master plan but the DNREC committee didn't meet in October so we will have to wait until January to hear about the possibility of the grant. We are working with Community Planning, Safety, and Civic committees on this.
6. **Invasives Control**
 - Carol checked old areas that Redtail worked on. They were getting reinvaded. They did more work at Marsh and Millers, and St. Martin's Lane. Also an area between Panella and Politis leasehold that has Wisteria spreading. Greg from Redtail still working on restoration site on invasives that we missed.

--We need to remove bamboo near Mandy Tacco's property. We got a quote of \$600 for removal from Ron's Tree Service. Ron's Tree Service has been sidelined by a tornado cleanup in Glen Mills. He is now back and will work on the bamboo.

7. **Paths/Maintenance**

--Jeff brought designs of bridges he thinks we should build across marshy sections of Sherwood Forest. Discussed different design ideas.

--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.

--Discussed trailmarking possibilities

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

--Lightning strike of a tree near Plymyer leasehold. Carol needs to check it.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--Arden Page: Elaine will put in the Spotted Lanternfly Task Force.

--We will talk with individuals in the community and the Buzz Ware Village Center to become Wildlife Stewards.

--Considering Earth Day events. Jill will look into essay contest ideas and subject matter. Contact Joe del Tufo for a possible woods photography class.

--A fire at Indian Circle when we get it up and running.

10. **New Business**

Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 PM at the BWVC