

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 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 December minutes with changes.
  - Election Slate: We will ask Keri del Tufo, David Jones, Jill Moncarz, Ruth Panella, Sue Rothrock
  - Jeff will add a link back to Civic committee on the Indian Circle permit. Then we will seek to have it uploaded.
2. **Finance:** --No new changes in finance.
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
  - Sherwood Restoration Project: We have sets of data up to January 5.
  - 2409 Woodland: Waiting for spring
  - End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Jill will take photos on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
  - Carol has a list of encroachments she will address at town meeting.
  - Sunset Farms is working on the sinkholes. We are going to put a line of flags up on the border of Sunset Farms before we put in our fence in 2020.
  - Need to talk to Yoder about taking wood out of forest. Jeff will talk to Wayne Knotts in case that part of the forest is Ardencroft.
  - 5 Mill Race Road—Still waiting for court case to be settled. Decision later in January?
  - Marilyn Gray has a big fenced-in area in the woods. Carol will talk to her and give her 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 may have to resubmit for the next round. Carol asked Drew at Foresite about this.
6. **Invasives Control**
  - Ivy season. Elaine Schmerling, Carol, and Jill Coghlin removed ivy growing up trees near Mill and Millers.
  - Greg from Redtail still working on restoration site on invasives that we missed.
  - Talk about ideas doing an ivy event.
  - We need to remove bamboo near Mandy Tacco's property. We are checking the border of the place we want to remove and informing all parties of the plan.
7. **Paths/Maintenance**
  - Jeff will draw his designs for the bridges.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**
  - No removals at this time.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

--Arden Page: Encroachment

--Carol and Jill are in talks with Elaine to put out another LEAF in March (Mid-March latest) before Earth Day

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

--Considering Possible Earth Day events: Plant ordering day possibly with Gardening Gild. Try to get Wildlife Habitat on the ACRA House and Garden Tour. Speaker for Earth Day. Carol will ask Lori Athey to speak for Earth Day. Ask someone from Gateway nursery to sell natives. Possible hike around perimeter of Arden.

10. **New Business**

**Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM. Next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM.**