

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:00 PM**

**Via Zoom: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jeff Martin, Dave Jones Guest: Bev Clendening Meeting called to order 7:08 PM**

1. **Administrative:** We approved March minutes.
  - Election: David Jones and Jeff Martin voted onto committee. Carol Larson was elected chair. Jill Althouse-Wood was elected secretary. Jen has agreed to be the treasurer.
  - Carol will forward FOIA and conflict of interest form so we can all review.
  - Cecilia put fire permit online. We should think about camping policy. Jen is in favor of a 2-night limit. Jen will research this and bring information to next meeting.
  
2. **Finance:** --Attached financial report. Jen gave a review of previous year finances. We have a question about RedTail going forward. And also a question about the water-planning grant.
  
3. **Current Grants/Projects**
  - Sherwood Restoration Project: Carol has been taking readings. It is covered in trout lilies and may apple. Dave has been removing ivy from the area.
  - Carol wants Dave to do some vertebrate and invertebrate counts, plus some water chemical testing in the Sherwood area.
  - 2409 Woodland: Waiting for spring. Carol needs to check on the pinksters. We need to rethink the planning. Back burner. Jen and Carol will take a walk down there to look at the site and make a plan. Carol will talk to Phil Fisher about doing the railing.
  - End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Jill needs to take photos.
  - Surface Water Management Planning Grant purchase order came through. Foresite sent us a contract and that was signed. They want to do work before the trees leaf out, but we don't know if they can do the work at this time. We wait to hear from them.
  - On Hold: Bicycle path through Sherwood Forest from Hillside to Marsh road. We will investigate possible surfaces.
  
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
  - Carol sent a letter to Sunset Farms on the border. They sent a letter to Jeff Politis complaining. Carol and Jeff Politis had a Zoom meeting with some of the homeowners. The fence will cut off some lawns. We need to remove sod and turn it back into woods. Jeff suggested that turning it back into woodlands might be a good way to use Schroeder Funds. Carol needs to go out with Redtail Restoration to talk about the problem. Carol is writing up a request for Schroeder funds.
  - Christine and Don Montgomery at 2033 Marsh Road. They have a pipe draining into woods. Carol needs to talk to them. The Lubins also have a drain to the woods. Carol has not reported them to the county.
  - Marilyn Gray took out her fence.
  - 5 Mill Race Road—Still waiting for court case to be settled. Decision soon.

5. **Drainage/Erosion**  
--Jill will talk to Dave Nordheimer to continue to monitor erosion at Lizzie Broadbent's leasehold.
6. **Invasive Species Control**  
--Greg has been spraying celandine on Marsh and Miller's. He said that 2 sprayings in the spring seem to take care of it.  
--Jill will put out a bulletin about pulling garlic mustard with the stream cleanup.  
--We will soon be doing traps for Spotted Lantern Fly. We need to talk to Elaine Schmerling.
7. **Paths/Maintenance**  
Ron asked about clearing the path near Politis property. People don't have a problem with a tree in the path.  
--Carol will give Jeff a thumb drive of bridge ideas. She will email.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**  
--No removals at this time.
9. **Community Involvement and Communications**  
--Jill sent out a revised Christina River Watershed Clean-up. The new dates for the cleanup is April 9-12. Carol has a list of people cleaning up. Jill will send out a new garlic mustard removal plea. Carol will ask Larry Walker to remove the palettes at the end of Hillside. Patrick Barry might be interested in the palettes.  
--Jen talked to Mary Brent. The Garden Tour is going to be changed to June or the Fall. We will consider Wildlife Certified Leaseholds to participate at that time  
--Jill will check the Earth Day site to see if they have moved the date.  
--Jill will write a blurb about the tree identification scavenger hunt possibilities for a May activity/Arbor Day for possible inclusion in May Arden Page.
10. **New Business--none**

**Meeting adjourned 8:01 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 7 PM.**